

Christmas presents

Thank you for your very kind Christmas presents to all the staff.
We very much enjoyed them 😊



Please pay your invoices promptly – it takes up so much of Pam's time to repeatedly text you.

Newsletter January 2022

Thank you

Thank you to all the parents and carers who are wearing masks for visits, pick up and drop off times – please continue while cases are so high.

To all our parents & carers,

Welcome back to Little Doves after our Christmas holidays. It was sad to hear that so many of you were poorly with Coronavirus during this time, many staff members were affected too - I do wish everyone better.

I would like to thank you all for your patience and cooperation - the information from the Government, Essex CC and Early Years Alliance is constantly changing and it can be very confusing. As well as following all the guidelines, I must keep a record of Covid and other infections in your family so please keep me updated. My staff are testing two or three times a week and I hope that you are all doing regular tests to keep safe too. Many pre-schools have faced short term closures and we are doing all we can to keep Little Doves open with my staff working longer hours to keep the equipment and facilities as clean as possible. Please remember that the building is now open to other users as well as us.

It has been recommended that in this crisis we have more emergency telephone numbers for the children. Therefore, a form will be going out to you all asking you for two more emergency numbers (some settings are asking for another three!) This is just in case your child is poorly and they need to be picked up very quickly or indeed Little Doves has to close at short notice.

I am also advertising for more supply staff. Again, this is to help with staff shortages due to illness. If you can recommend anyone that would be wonderful.

God Bless & keep safe, Pam

Illnesses and Covid19

Please tell us if you or your family are showing any Covid19 signs and need to isolate.

There may be a time when we will have to close at short notice due to a positive test result or staff shortages. Please be aware that this is a possibility in all pre-schools and schools and try to have a Plan B for childcare if you are at work.

We thank you for your co-operation and understanding in advance.

Shining Stars

Please pay your voluntary contributions especially for Shining stars football on a Friday. The children enjoy it so much it would be a shame to have to reconsider this arrangement.

Healthy Lunch boxes please – only one sweet treat.

NO peanut butter as we have children with nut allergies



Please can we have spare pants knickers, joggers & leggings



Dates for your diary

Half term: **Mon 7th Feb to Fri 18th Feb**

NB we are closed for two weeks

Term finishes: **Friday 1st April**

Summer term starts on: **Tuesday 19th April**

Sponsored Easter Egg Hunt

Coming up this term – more details to follow

Wonky' Wednesday

We open at **9am** and finish at **12 noon**.

'Wonky' Weds this term:

Wed 12th January and 9th March

A Big 'Thank you' to the Garwood family for replacing the broken shed window 😊

SNACK TIME

Little Doves is supplying snack in the morning. **Please still bring in a named drink bottle.** This is an optional extra and we will ask for a contribution of £1 per day towards the cost of this.

Please continue to bring in a named drink and lunchbox if your child is staying for lunch.

Very Important

It is very important that you let us know if anyone different is picking up your child. Please fill in the correct Collection form and tell whoever is on the door who will put it in the Sign-in register. Also remember to tell the person picking up your child the password.

April 2022 sessions

Please make sure that Pam knows any changes to your child's hours in April especially if your child is newly funded. There is some flexibility and we want to give priority to our existing children before allocating the remaining spaces to the new children starting.

Children born between 1st Jan and 31st March will be funded after Easter. Children born between April and August are funded in September.

We do have some spaces for new children, so please recommend us to your friends and family.

Supply staff needed for an immediate start

(subject to references and DBS checks)

- ✓ To cover for sick/annual leave or other staff cover when required on a flexible basis and at short notice.
- ✓ Some experience with SEND children preferable or appropriate transferrable skills
- ✓ To attend staff training sessions and meetings as required.

Please contact: Pam at manager@littledovescp.org.uk for application forms, job descriptions and job requirements.

Bad Weather

In the event of bad weather Pam will text or email you as early as possible in the morning if the pre-school is closed. The road leading to the hall and car park has to be safe. Please make sure we have up to date contact details.

30 hour Extended Funding Parents

Please apply **NOW** if you want to claim from April 2022. Registration cannot be back dated if you miss the deadline. Essex County Council require us to verify the postcode where your child lives and therefore please bring in some form of identification to enable us to do this. e.g. driving licence, utilities bill.

Let's praise and celebrate our children

Use our **WOW** certificates and tell us about anything wonderful your child has done in their **contact books**

Little Doves T-shirts/Polo shirts

T-shirts £7.00. Polo shirts £9.50.
Sweatshirts £10.

There are some items in stock and we also have some preloved items too. Please ask Pam.

Waiting List Registration Form

Please ask Pam for the waiting list registration form for any siblings so we can add your child to our growing waiting list.

Facebook

Please remember to log in to our closed Facebook page to see photos of what the children have been doing. If you are not a member please send a friend request to "Friends of Little Doves".

We are now following the new EYFS 2021 guidelines in the way we record your child's progress. If you would like further information speak to your child's key person.

With love & prayers, Pam & the Little Doves team