

**New Little Doves Phone
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contacts and use this for
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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. Please make sure we have up to date contact details.

Newsletter March 2023



Sponsored Easter Egg Hunt

We would like to invite you to our annual sponsored Easter Egg Hunt!!

Where: St Paul's Church, Bentley Common
When: Monday 27th March 2023
11.30am - Short service led by Rev Julie, followed by a picnic lunch in the church hall and then out into the garden for the sponsored easter egg hunt.

Bring a picnic and blanket with you!

Please share the sponsorship form with your friends and family.

We will be holding a raffle



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SAVE THE DATE

Little Doves Pre-School
Online Quiz
(using Zoom breakout rooms for each team)

hosted by
Rotary Club of Brentwood

Friday 21st April 2023
Quiz starts at 8pm
£5 per person

Teams of 8 - please ask friends and family and support this much needed fundraising event

Please support these two upcoming fundraising events



September 23 sessions are almost full

Please make sure we have the correct days/hours for your child and that we know about any siblings!

We love having parent/grandparent helpers...

If you can help, just for a few hours, we would love you to come in. The children love having a mummy, daddy, granny or grandad helper joining in with craft, playing or reading stories.

Please see Pam for more details.

Fundraising

Any ideas would be amazing. If someone felt they could organize something like a pamper evening or auction for us that would be fantastic. Or maybe someone is taking part in the Nuclear Races and would run for us.....

Key person visits

If you would like to see your key person or your child's folder, please let Pam know and we can arrange an appointment.

Interest Table Topic this half term space, environment, recycling and Easter

Please pay any invoices as soon as possible especially as it is the end of the tax year and we need to finalise the accounts.

Packed Lunches

NO peanut butter or nut related spreads such as Nutella or almond pastes. As are most settings, we are a nut free preschool. We do have a lot of children with allergies. **PLEASE REMEMBER** to slice cucumber, tomatoes and grapes lengthways and in quarters to prevent choking.



Suitable footwear

Please can you bring your child into pre-school WEARING 'preschool' shoes. Suitable shoes are trainers, plimsols or doodles. Please think & watch where your child's shoes have been - the floor is a play area and children often touch the floor and so it can be a source for germs

Reception admissions for academic year September 2023

Please let Pam know as soon as you know you child's school so she can plan.



Children born between 1st April and 31st Aug will be funded in Sept. Children born between 1st Sept and 31st Dec are funded in Jan. **30 hour Extended Funding** - parents please apply **NOW** if you want to claim from **Easter 2023**. To those paying childcare, please check with **CHILDCARE CHOICES WEBSITE** to see if you are eligible to any tax benefits. **Newly funded children MUST bring in a copy of their birth certificate & proof of address to show Pam.**

Important - Pam needs to see your child's red book for immunisations. **We encourage you to take up the offer of the flu spray for your child.**

Please remember to label ALL your child's belongings; coats, bags, drink bottles lunches, wellies etc!!!

Little Doves T-shirts/Polo shirts available to order. There are also some iron on badges.
T-shirt £7.50, Polo shirt £10.50
Sweatshirt £11, Iron on badges £2
Please see Pam.

Please NO toys from home – only bring in items related to the show and tell topic.

Illnesses and Covid19
Please tell us if you or your family are showing any Covid19 signs and need to isolate.
If your child is sick or has diarrhoea, they need to be 48 hours clear from the last episode before returning to Little Doves.

Voluntary Donations

A big, big thank you to all those who continue to pay their voluntary donations - these donations hugely help with our day to day running costs. For those who are not able to donate, please could you consider providing us with some of the items we spend the consumables donations on. Maybe you can use the "2 for 3" or "buy 1 get 1 free" offers and donate the extra item to us.

We need: Handwash. Kitchen rolls. Plain flour. Salt. Wet wipes. Tissues. Bin liners. Play sand. Zoflora disinfectant. Antibac spray.
Thank you to a LD family for organising a big donation of stock to us.
Everything is so very helpful.

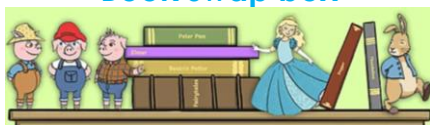
Very Important
You MUST let us know if anyone different is picking up your child. Please fill in the correct collection form and tell whoever is on the door who will put it in the Sign-in register. Also remember to tell the person collecting the 'password'.

Facebook

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 using this lots to convey information to parents /carers

Shining Stars Football
Remember to return the trophies each week to pass on to the next superstar.

NEW **Book swap box**



For you to read with your child at home

Spring Term 2023
Spring term finishes: **31st March**
Summer term starts: **18th April 2023**
Half term: **29th May to 2nd June**
Term ends: **20th July (tbc)**

Please let Pam know if you have any holidays booked.



With love & prayers, Pam & the Little Doves team