



We wish you all a very
Happy Christmas and
Healthy New Year.

We are back on
Tuesday 5th January 2021

Very Important

Please remember whoever
picks up your child **MUST** be in
your child's 'own bubble'

Newsletter December 2020

Little Doves Christmas Post Box

We do have a Christmas post box inside
for cards. Isolation time for the cards is 1
day so please give the cards to your child
to post by next Thursday at the
latest. Little Doves is a bubble which
includes the staff and children.

We will aim to send your child's craft
bags home during the last week. The
items that we have been working on over
the last few weeks have been isolated
and kept safe.

Half term Fundraiser Event

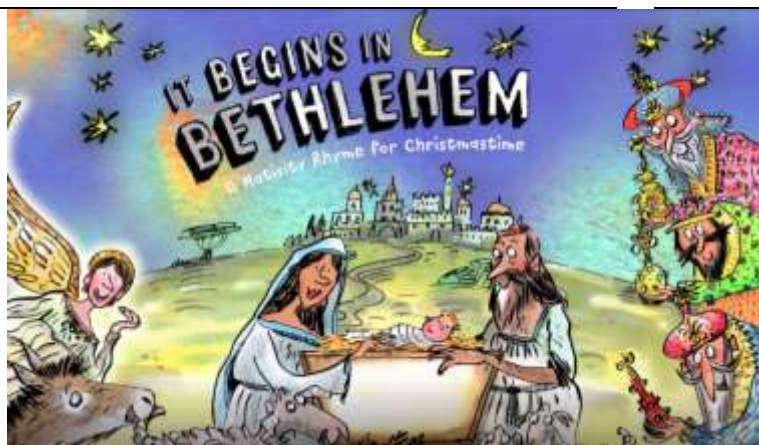
Wow - we have raised over £500!!

Big, big thanks to all who
fundraised or donated.

The children are already enjoying it all
and the garden will keep evolving over
the next few months 😊

'Safe' Christmas Raffle

Any ideas how to do this?
Please let Pam know.



St Paul's Bentley Church
'Open the Book' team will be
presenting the Bible Society's
'It Begins in Bethlehem'

which retells the nativity in a fresh
way with children participation.

Children are encouraged to
wear their own nativity costumes.

Wed 9th December 2020

at St Paul's Bentley Church.

Arrive **9.15am for 9.30am** start
(finish by 10am)

Little Doves Pre-school will be open straight after the event finishes.

**Open to everyone, please come along, join in and
support this event 😊**

NB Parents/carers must wear masks and sit in their bubbles.

Time to Party!

Friday 11th December

Drop your child at **9.15am** and collect by **12.15pm**

No lunch boxes or snacks as we will be supplying party food

Please still bring in your child's labelled drink bottle

Children can wear party/ Christmas/ dress up clothes of their choice

Please continue to bring in reply slips.



Illnesses and Covid19

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

We are endeavouring to do all we can to keep all the children, families and staff safe from the coronavirus infection. We are following all the guidelines given to us from Essex County Council, Early Years Alliance and Department of Education. However, the virus is in the community and there may be times when we will have to close at short notice due to a positive test result. This is only done when we are instructed to do so by Public Health England. 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. Remember we could all have to isolate if there is a positive result if we are told to do so. We also have many staff with children at school and if we have a staff shortage due to families needing to isolate from those schools, this could also lead to us having to close the pre-school as we will have insufficient staff to open.

Of course, we hope this will not happen but we have already heard of settings where this has occurred. We thank you for your co-operation and understanding in advance.

Date for your diary

Very exciting

**Little Doves Virtual Quiz Night
Friday 22nd January 2021**

hosted by Rotary Club of
Brentwood

Teams of 8 – invite family & friends
£5 each person

More details to follow

All proceeds to Little Doves

**Healthy Lunch boxes please – only one
sweet treat.**

**NO peanut butter as we have children
with nut allergies**



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Please can you bring your child into pre-school WEARING their 'preschool' shoes. We are trying to keep staff from touching the children's shoes unless necessary. We trust that you will keep these shoes only for Little Doves and not wear them outside of our location.

30 hour Extended Funding Parents

Please apply **NOW** if you want to claim from January 2021. Registration cannot be back dated if you miss the deadline.

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".

January 2021 sessions

Please make sure that Pam knows any changes to your child's hours in January 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.

Suggested voluntary donation

We do realise this is a tricky time for many families but even if you can contribute half of the suggested donation it would make a big difference to us.

Every penny helps 😊

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.

**I would like to thank everyone for your patience and continued support with everything we have had to do to comply with all the changes this term.
With love & prayers, Pam & the Little Doves team**