



Newsletter January 2020

Happy New Year to you all and hope you had a lovely Christmas. Welcome to all our new families whose children are starting with us over the next few weeks.

New Garden

As you can see our new garden is under way and should be completed by the end of next week. Soon the children will be able to play outside in all weathers - mud free!!! We are all so excited!!

Christmas presents

Thank you for your very kind Christmas presents to all the staff.

We very much enjoyed them 😊

Christmas Celebration with Nativity

Thank you for all your support – we raised about £350

Spaces on a 'parents' table still available for Little Doves Quiz Night - this Friday 17th January

hosted by Rotary Club of Brentwood

Venue: Courage Hall, Brentwood School

Time: 7.30pm prompt start (arrive after 7pm)

Price: £9 per ticket (includes Jacket potato supper)

Drinks & snacks to be purchased at the bar.

Table name in advance, if possible 😊

We have a 'parents' table with spaces so please see Pam if you interested in coming along to support this fundraising event.

All money raised goes to Little Doves.

Important – there are still parents who need to return their child's Immunisation History letter

Please can you bring in the completed letter alongside your child's Personal Child Health Record Book (Red Book) and show Pam as soon as possible.

Staff Updates

We have a new qualified member of staff joining us towards the end of this month. Her name is Stacey and she has lots and lots of experience working in early years settings. She will be working regular days and will have key children.

Congratulations to Debbie on her promotion to Senior Playworker.

Newly Funded Children Jan 2020

We **MUST** see your child's birth certificate to verify their date of birth.

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.

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

30 hour Extended Funding Parents

Please remember to re-confirm your eligibility each term.

If you are a new parent claiming 30 hours ask for a 'permission to check' form.

'Pop ins with Pam'

Thank you to those who have come to a 'Pop in with Pam'. It is a good chance to meet up with parents and share ideas. Dates this term: **Thurs 30th Jan and Wed 26th Feb 9.30am till 10.30am**. Please let Pam know in advance if you are coming, she can arrange for you to see your child's folder.

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.

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 write in the Sign-in register. Also remember to tell the person picking up your child the password.

Invoices and suggested voluntary donation

Please pay your invoice and voluntary donation as soon as possible and, if required, please talk to Pam about paying in instalments.

The invoice and voluntary donation can be added together & paid as one amount.

Let's praise and celebrate our children

Please remember to praise and celebrate the successes of your child. Use our **WOW** certificates and tell us about anything wonderful your child has done in their **contact books**

Interest Table Topics this half term

Weeks beginning: 14th & 21st January
Topic: Weather. Letter: W. Shape: Semi-circle. Numbers: 1- 10. Colours: Grey & White.

Weeks beginning: 28th Jan, 4th&11th Feb
Topic: Weather. Letter: A. Shape: Arch. Numbers: 1- 12. Colours: Rainbow colours.

Dates for your diary

Half term: **Mon 17th Feb to Fri 21st Feb**

Term finishes: **Friday 3rd April**

Summer term starts on: **Tues 21st April**

Illnesses

Please tell Pam if your child is unwell with an infectious disease - e.g. Chicken Pox, Slapped Cheek, Mumps so we can make a note. Thank you.

'Wonky' Wednesday. We open at **9am** and finish at **12 noon**. 'Wonky' Weds this term: Wed 12th Feb & Wed 11th March

Please, please remember to put your child's name in their clothes.

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.

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.

With love & prayers, Pam & the Little Doves team