

**New Little Doves Phone
Tel No 07756 029105
Please add this to your
contacts and use this for
all future correspondence**



**On behalf of all the staff I would like
to thank you so much for all your
very generous Christmas gifts – we
all felt very appreciated and
very spoilt 😊😊😊**

Newsletter January 2023

Welcome back!

And a very warm welcome to all the new children, parents and carers. Everyone is settling in nicely and we are looking forward to all we have planned for this term.

Little Doves is now full

If anyone would like to change a day or give up a day, please see Pam.
We have children waiting.

PLEASE REMEMBER pick up time is **2.45pm** at the latest.

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.

We are also thinking about arranging 'group pop ins with Pam' – please let Pam know if you are interested.

Reception admissions for academic year September 2023

The primary school (Reception) admission round has now closed (15 January 2023).
Please can you let Pam know your first and second choices to allow her to plan.

September 23 sessions are full

Please make sure we have the correct days/hours for your child and that we know about any siblings! **Sept 23 confirmation slips** of days/hours will be out soon – please return reply slip **ASAP!!**
We are now booking for Sept 24!

Interest Table Topic

This half term: weather & seasons



Next half term: space, environment, recycling and Easter

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.

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.



Fundraising

Any ideas would be amazing.
If someone felt they could organize something like a quiz, pamper evening, auction for us that would be fantastic.
Or maybe someone is running in the Brentwood half marathon or fun run and would run for us.....

Please also support the sponsored Easter egg hunt we will be doing at the end of term.



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

Shining Stars Football

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

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.**

**Lots of Little Doves T-shirts/Polo shirts in stock: T-shirt £7.50, Polo shirt £10.50
Sweatshirt £11 – see Pam**

Please NO toys from home

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

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. Toilet rolls. Washing up liquid. Plain flour. Salt. Wet wipes. Nappies. Bin liners. Play sand. Zoflora disinfectant. Antibac spray.

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

Next Wonky Wednesdays

We open at **9am** and finish at **12 noon**.
February 8th
March 8th

Please pay any invoices as soon as possible.

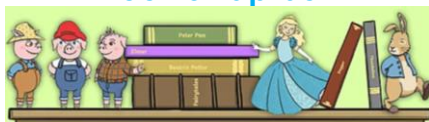
Spring Term 2023

Half term: **Mon 13th Feb to Fri 17th Feb**
Spring term finishes: **Friday 31st March**
Summer term starts: **18th April 2023**

Please let Pam know if you have any holidays booked.



Coming soon Book swap box



For you to read with your child at home

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.

With love & prayers, Pam & the Little Doves team