

We are sorry to say goodbye to Tabatha who left us this month to have a baby. We wish her all the very best – come back and visit us with the baby!! Lots of love xx



Please donate items for the raffle for the last day. If anyone could help us organise this, that would be wonderful. Please see Pam

Newsletter June July 2023

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Thank you everyone - it has been an exceedingly busy school year and has gone so quickly!! Thank you also for your patience when we have been coping with a high volume of children and staff changes. I especially want to thank you at pick up times; it can be tricky getting all your child's items together when they have put things down in different places during the day.... and that is happening with 40 children!!!

We have 29 leavers this year going to 13 different schools. We thank you for choosing Little Doves for your child and we have loved getting to know everyone. It is very exciting times for you all as you transition to school.

To yellow bubble children who are staying; most of you will be in the Green Group from September and will be doing more hours. There are exciting times ahead for you too. Parents – please make sure you can remember your days and hours as there is very little wriggle room; we have lots of new families joining us.

Also, a huge 'Thank you' to all the TEAM. It has been a challenging year and you have all worked so very hard, especially with the set ups and packing away.

Sports Day

(on the cricket green opposite Alec's restaurant)

Plan A – Thursday 29th June

Plan B – Thursday 13th July

(dependant on weather)

Yellow bubble (younger children) will be at 11.15am – parents bring trainers as you may need to join in!

Green bubble (older children) will be at 1.15pm

Tickets available now £2.50 each

Remember to put sun protection cream on your child in the morning & bring your child's hat every sunny day. We do have spare hats & sun protection cream. If you want to use your child's own sun cream, make sure your keyperson knows & that it is labelled in your child's bag



Summer Day Trip 2023

The Peter Rabbit Trail at Langdon

Nature Discovery Park

Wednesday 12th July

Time: 10am to 1pm approx.

Location: Langdon Nature Discovery Park
Lower Dunton Road
Basildon
SS16 6EJ

Parking: Free

Trail: Free (£1 for Peter Rabbit map)

Please bring:

- a teddy bear
- sun cream
- sun hat
- a picnic lunch and water bottles

Letters going out this week – please return reply slip as soon as possible

Reception admissions for academic year September 2023

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

We hope you are finding the Leavers WhatsApp useful – watch out for messages

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

Please return your funding forms for September ASAP

Last Day of Term

Thursday 20th July

Party Time with entertainer

Open to everyone and normal drop off

Please collect the non-leavers at 12pm

12.15pm Leavers Celebration & Presentation of Folders for 2023 Leavers

Parents of leavers to arrive for 12.15pm

Aim to finish by 1.15pm/1.30pm

Anyone able to do face painting at the party? Please see Pam

12th July Last Wonky Wednesday

and this is our trip day - see details above

Topics for this half term

Jack and the Beanstalk, The Very Hungry Caterpillar, Growing and Healthy Eating

Please pay your invoices – we have asked for payment by 4th July. It takes so much of Pam's time to keep texting you/checking the bank for payments

Welcome to our new staff

Sarah Day has started with us and will be a keyperson from September and Justine Batsford will be joining us as another keyperson in September. Both ladies will be doing regular days. We also welcome Lisa Smith as a supply early years playworker. Phoebe Martin is also back helping us for the rest of this term. Best wishes to all our students for their exams.

Please let Pam know if you have any holidays booked

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

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 **September 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 **SOME DOCUMENTS ARE STILL NEEDED FROM EXISTING CHILDREN!!! PLEASE BRING THESE IN ASAP!!**

A big thank you to Rob for bringing football skills and fun to all the children on a Friday with **Shining Stars**. We all look forward to this and he spends extra time with those that need more specialised coaching. We are so pleased he can help us too with Sports Day events.

IMPORTANT - Packed Lunches

NO peanut butter or nut related spreads such as Nutella or almond pastes.

In September we have several children with severe allergies and so there will be a very strict NO NUT policy.

PLEASE REMEMBER to slice cucumber, tomatoes & grapes lengthways & 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. No sliders or high heels!!

Please NO toys from home – only bring in items related to the show and tell topic – green bubble are doing really well with this!!



Term Dates 2023

Summer term ends: **Thursday 20th July**

Autumn term starts: **Wed 6th September**

Half term: **Mon 23rd Oct to Fri 27th Oct**

Autumn term finishes: **Thursday 14th Dec**

Little Doves T-shirts/Polo shirts available to order. See Pam.
T-shirt £7.50, Polo shirt £10.50
Sweatshirt £11, Iron on badges £2

Illnesses

If your child is sick or has diarrhoea, they need to be 48 hours clear from the last episode before returning to Little Doves **Chicken Pox is around, please let Pam know if your child gets spots!**

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"

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'

Enjoy the last few weeks of term and all the activities we have planned. Have a wonderful summer. With love and prayers to you all, Pam and the team.