

Please pay your invoices promptly as we need to prepare our accounts for year end



IMPORTANT
Please remember
NO NUTS
in lunch boxes including
NO peanut butter spread/Nutella etc

Newsletter March/April 2020

Welcome to all our new families whose children are starting with us over the next few weeks.



and friends to sponsor your child

Sponsored Easter Egg Hunt

Monday 30th March 2020 12.30pm - 2.30pm

St Paul's Church, Bentley Common

Please bring a picnic lunch

Refreshments will be available

Raffle

Sponsor forms going out this week – please ask family members

Viewing your child's folder

If you would like to see your child's folder with your child's key person please let Pam know and she will arrange an appointment.

Please check our lost property table and take anything that is yours.

Transition to School

We are starting to do paperwork for our July 2020 leavers for transition to school. Please make sure you keep us up to date with any appointments and holidays coming up.

Our new garden

We are all still enjoying our fabulous new garden – with all the rain we have had in February it has been so lovely not to have to worry about all the mud.

A huge 'Thank you' to
Navestock Parish Council & Village Hall for all your support.

Invoices and suggested voluntary donation

As we mentioned last half term, because of the increase in the Living wage in April and increase in our rent in September we are going to have to put up our hourly & lunch club fee from April 2020. We will let you know as soon as we can what the increase will be.

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. Please be more vigilant.

Please read our posters on Coronavirus on our noticeboard and if you have specific questions about the virus, you can contact the Department for Education helpline on 0800 046 8687

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 have spaces in September 2020 - please recommend us to your family and friends.

30 hour Extended Funding Parents – must apply NOW for Summer term.

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. Next date: **Friday 13th March 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.

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.

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: 3rd & 10th March.

Topic: Musical instruments. Letter: M & I.

Shape: Triangle. Numbers: 1- 10. Colours: Silver.

Weeks beginning: 17th, 24th & 31st March

Topic: Easter. Letter: E. Shape: Oval

Numbers: 1- 10. Colours: Yellow.

Dates for your diary

Please note term finishes:

Friday 3rd April at 12.15pm (for cleaning of all the toys & equipment)

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

Coming Soon

**Wonky Wednesday mornings
'Pop in' at St Paul's church**

for parents/carers

Tea/coffee & refreshments

'Wonky' Wednesday. We open at **9am** and finish at **12 noon.** 'Wonky' Weds this term: 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.

Please let Pam know any planned holidays.

With love & prayers, Pam & the Little Doves team