

Little Doves telephone no
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PLEASE REMEMBER our
latest pickup/child
leaving time is 2.45pm



Reception admissions for
academic year September 2024

Please let Pam know as soon as you know
you child's school so she can plan. You
usually hear around mid-April.

Newsletter March 2024

Sponsored Easter Egg Hunt

Tuesday 26th March 2024
St Paul's Church Bentley
1.15pm – short service led by
Rev Julie then out into the
garden for the Easter Egg
hunt 😊

All families are invited.
Please ask family members
& friends to sponsor your child



It is lovely to see some signs of spring, we have lots of exciting things
planned as the weather improves.

The pre-school is now completely full! We have never had so many
children! The ladies are at full capacity so if anyone would like to be a
regular volunteer for a couple of hours, playing and reading stories with
the children, that would be fantastic.

If anyone can help us by taking home a bag of washing or making play
dough, that too would hugely help.

We are still looking for another keyperson member of staff and for supply
staff providing one to one support – if you are interested see Pam for more
details and job descriptions.

September 2024 sessions

As you know we are very, very full. Please
make sure we have the correct
hours for your child and any siblings for
September ASAP

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

STRICT NO NUT POLICY
in packed lunches for
children & staff. NO peanut
butter or nut related
spreads such as Nutella or
almond pastes. We have
several children with
SEVERE ALLERGIES.



Wonky Wednesdays coming up

We open at 9am and finish at 12 noon.
March 13th, May 8th, June 12th, July 10th

Pre-school closure

Thursday 2nd May 2024

Navestock Village Hall is used as a polling
station and so Little Doves will have to
close for the day.

Voluntary Donations

If anyone can donate the extra item to us
from "2 for 3" or "buy 1 get 1 free" offers
that would be great. We need:
handwash, kitchen rolls, wet wipes,
tissues, bin liners, play sand, Zoflora
disinfectant, anti-bac spray

Items needed for dressing up
Any sparkly and fun clothes please.



Little Doves team won the Brentwood Rotary quiz!! We are waiting to hear how much was raised 😊

Please return your funding forms as soon as possible. We must have them by Friday 15th March, so not long. Please see Pam if you need help - they are not easy.



PLEASE REMEMBER to slice cucumber, tomatoes & grapes lengthways & in quarters to prevent choking!!

Please NO toys from home – only bring in items related to the show and tell topic.

Children born between 1st April and 31st Aug are 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 **April 2024**. 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!!

Term Dates 2023/2024

Spring term finishes: **Tues 26th March 1pm**

Summer term starts: **Tuesday 16th April**

Half term: **Mon 28th May to Fri 31st May**

Summer term finishes: **Thursday 18th July**

Autumn term starts: **Wed 4th Sept (tbc)**

Funding for eligible working parents of 2 year olds

Any eligible working parents of 2 year olds must apply **NOW** for the code for 15 hours of funded childcare, starting from 1 April 2024. If you don't apply and receive your code before 31st March, you will not receive the funding in the summer term. The following website gives details on what entitlements parents may be able to receive:

<https://www.childcarechoices.gov.uk/>

Parents can apply for the entitlements via the following link

<https://www.gov.uk/apply-free-childcare-if-youre-working>

Please let Pam know if you have any holidays booked.



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'.

Prayer Hearts for Lent

Please keep sending them in. They are lovely to read and discuss with the children.



Topics for this half term Spring and Easter



Silly Socks Day for Down's Syndrome

21st March 2024.

Please wear silly socks and donate.



Illnesses

Every child reacts differently to viruses, coughs & colds - if your child needs cuddling and Calpol they are unlikely to cope with the activities & busyness of Little Doves – please keep them home until they feel better.



Easy Fundraising

Please continue to remember Easy Fundraising for all your online shopping!!

Anyone running in Brentwood Half Marathon, please consider running for Little Doves – see Pam for details.



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With love & prayers, Pam & the Little Doves team