

We are very sorry to say goodbye to Jess who will be leaving us this month. She has been with us for over 6 years and we will all miss her!! We wish you all the very best in your new venture Jess!! Lots of love xx



A big, big Thankyou to everyone who supported our Sponsored Easter Egg Hunt We raised over **£800!!**



Newsletter May 2023

Welcome to all our new children - everyone is settling in nicely. This will be our busiest term. There are lots of visits and events, folders are being completed and lots of photos are being taken 😊 Hopefully you will be able to join in too. Date for your diary - we are hoping to organise a trip for the children and their families on Wednesday 12th July.

It is lovely to see the sunshine - please remember to put sun protection cream on your child in the morning and bring your child's hat. We do have spare hats and sun protection cream if needed. If you want us to use your child's own sun protection cream, make sure your keyperson knows and that it is in your child's bag and labelled.

Sports Day

Plan A – Thursday 29th June

Plan B – Thursday 13th July

(dependant on weather)

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

Green bubble (older children) will be at 1.15pm on the cricket field (opposite Alec's)

Tickets available after half term £2.50 each



Little Urchins Photography

Tuesday 23rd May 9.30am until 12pm

Everyone, including siblings, are welcome even if it's not your child's day – just let Pam know

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

Your child's keyperson may contact you about information for your child's transition passport soon

All the leaving children are starting to look ready for school

Fundraising – please remember us in any fundraising opportunities

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

Topics for this half term

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

Wonky' Wednesday

We open at 9am and finish at 12 noon.

'Wonky' Wednesdays this term:

May 10th, June 14th, July 12th

September 23 sessions almost full

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

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

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



**Open Afternoons for
September 2023 new starts**
Wednesday 7th,
Tuesday 13th & Tuesday 20th June
1pm - 2.15pm

This is for the parents and children who are starting with us this September. It will be an opportunity for the children to meet & play with some of the other children starting with them, for the parents to meet each other & for us all to complete all the necessary paperwork!! 😊

If you have a sibling starting in Sept, an appointment letter will be sent out

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

Please let Pam know if you have any holidays booked

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!!

Voluntary Donations

A big thankyou to all those who continue to pay their voluntary donations - these hugely help with our day to day 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

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

Remember to use our Book Swap box to read with your child at home



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

Half term: **29th May to 2nd June**

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.

T-shirt £7.50, Polo shirt £10.50

Sweatshirt £11, Iron on badges £2

Please see Pam

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'

We need: handwash, kitchen rolls, wet wipes, tissues, bin liners, play sand, Zoflora disinfectant, anti-bac spray

With love & prayers, Pam & the Little Doves team