

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



Don't let Measles, Mumps and
Rubella into your child's world.

Protect your child with both MMR
vaccines – contact your GP to
book their first or second dose.

Newsletter May 2024

Fundraising

We raised £700 in the Brentwood Rotary quiz –
thank you Brentwood Rotary for organising it and
thank you everyone who supported us.

James, Pam's son in law, very kindly ran in the Brentwood
Half Marathon on behalf of Little Doves and raised
£220 for us! Thank you very much James 😊

Thank you to everyone who came along to the Easter
service and supported our Sponsored Easter Egg Hunt.
Thank you, Rev Julie for organising the service. We raised £558!

Last year we raised just under £900 with Easy Fundraising –
If you haven't signed up, please click on the link [here](#) to go to
the Easy Fundraising website.



There are now very few swaps or extra spaces as we are very full.

Thank you to all the leaving parents who have responded to our online
questionnaire, we very much appreciate your help and time in doing this.
The trustees will be meeting soon to see how the finances are looking for this
year with the increase in Living wage of just under 10%. We will let you know
soon if any increase is needed in fees in September 2024.

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

It will be a busy term as the leavers prepare for school with folders and leavers
passports being finished off, teachers visiting and children going to their schools
for a visit. Please continue to let us know of any holidays and school visits
as this helps us coordinate.

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.
June 12th, July 10th



Friday 28th June



There will be a 'teddy bear extravaganza'
day to celebrate Pam and Stacey's
special birthday. More to follow.

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.

Remember sunscreen and sun hats for sunny days!!



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 **Sept 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!!

Please let Pam know if you have any holidays booked.



Term dates 2024

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

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

Leavers celebration

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

Funding for eligible working parents of 2 year olds

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>

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.

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'.

Last day of term & celebration day

Thursday 18th July

More details to follow

Finish by 1pm



Leavers - your child's keyperson may contact you about information for your child's transition passport soon.

Topics for this half term

Life cycles and growing; bees, healthy foods, caterpillars and butterflies.



Open afternoons for

September 2024 new starts

Week commencing 4th June –

Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday pm's

Sports day (tbc)

First choice - Tuesday 11th June

Second choice – Thursday 13th June

Staff training and updates

Staff continue to work on their continuous professional development updating their training inc. safeguarding. Thank you, Justine, Sam R and Maryellen for increasing your hours to cover gaps. Welcome back Phoebe, Yo-yo & Esme.



Little Urchins Photography Friday morning 24th May - open to all and siblings too!



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With love & prayers, Pam & the Little Doves team

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