

PLEASE REMEMBER pick up time is **2.45pm** at the latest. We have to have left the hall by 3pm. Other users come into the hall after us, and the staff have to collect their own children from school too.



Please pay any outstanding invoices as soon as possible.

Newsletter October 21

Welcome back!

It has been lovely to welcome you all back and see how much the children have changed since July!! And a warm welcome to all the new children, parents and carers. Everyone is settling in nicely and we are looking forward to all we have planned for this term.

New EYFS 2021

This term sees the start of the new EYFS reforms as advised by the Government and Ofsted. Therefore there are some changes to our planning and recording of information – all the staff have been learning the changes. We will keep you informed as we develop and implement the new system 😊

Covid19

Restrictions have been reduced by the government but we are still being cautious and minimising risks where we can. We will still be taking children from the door and keeping parent/carer visits to a minimum. Little Doves staff are doing twice weekly coronavirus testing to keep the children safe.

We are still keeping up the hand washing and cleaning regimes we have in place as best we can. The hall is now open to other users so we are not in the 'bubble' that we once were.

We have been warned by the government that there will be more germs around this winter. Please be mindful when sending your children in with colds and coughs. Staff and other children are catching things very easily. If we do not have enough staff we cannot open.

Please tell us if you or your family are showing any Covid19 signs and need to isolate.

Bentley St Paul's School Non-Pupil Days

Bentley St Paul's school have a two-day closure on 21st and 22nd October before half term commences. Please can you let Pam know if you will be sending your sibling in on this day. Pam is having to work out the staff rota as the two-day closure has an impact on staff availability.

Supply staff needed for an immediate start

(subject to references and DBS checks)

- ✓ To cover for sick/annual leave or other staff cover when required on a flexible basis and at short notice
- ✓ To be able to start at 8.30am and finish at 3.15pm
- ✓ To attend staff training sessions and meetings as required

Please contact Pam for application forms, full job descriptions & job requirements.

Infant Schools for Sept 2022

Many infant schools have already started tours for you to view their schools. Look up their criteria on their website and make sure you are complying with their criteria. Church schools usually want a minimum of one to two years church attendance prior to application.

Harvest Goods

Thank you for any donations. Any late donations, Pam is happy to deliver them to St Paul's church. All donations will go to Brentwood Foodbank.

Remember to praise and celebrate the successes of your child. Use our WOW certificates.

Little Urchins Photographs

They are back again on Thursday 14th October – great present ideas for your Christmas stocking fillers.

Interest Topics

Please can you supply a baby/family photo of your child for us to talk to them about. Recycling and being 'Green' will be an ongoing theme.

Healthy Lunch boxes please – only one small sweet treat.

NO peanut butter as we have children with nut allergies

PLEASE REMEMBER to slice cucumber, tomatoes and grapes lengthways to prevent choking.



Little Doves T-shirts/Polo shirts

T-shirts £7.00. Polo shirts £9.50.
Sweatshirts £10.

Drawstring bags with logo and name £8
They come in various colours & sizes.
We have some sizes and colours in stock or you can place an order.

Suitable footwear

Please can you bring your child into pre-school WEARING their 'preschool' shoes.

Please try to think and watch where your child's shoes have been before attending Little Doves. The floor in a play area can be a source for germs – children will often touch the floor when playing.

30-hour Extended Funding Parents

Please apply **NOW** if you want to claim from January 2022. Registration cannot be back dated.

Please remember to bring in verification of your postcode and your child's birth certificate.

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.

January 2022 sessions

Please make sure that Pam knows any changes to your child's hours for January especially if your child is newly funded. We give priority to our existing children before allocating the remaining spaces to the new children starting.

There are still spaces for children now – please recommend us to your family & friends.

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.

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".

We are using this lots to convey information to parents /carers

TERM DATES

Half term: Monday 25th October

Last Day of term: Friday 10th December

'Wonky' Wednesday

Please note this term's dates: 13th Oct, 10th Nov, 8th Dec.

Shining Stars Football

The children are loving this. Please remember to return the trophies each week to pass on to the next superstar. Please remember to label clothes & lunchboxes. Pam has a marker pen.

Emergency Contact Details

Please remember to return your emergency contact details asap
Please also keep us up to date if your child has any allergies.

Thank you for your continued patience and support in these difficult times with love & prayers, Pam & Little Doves team