

**New Little Doves Phone
Tel No 07756 029105
Please add this to your
contacts and use this for
all future correspondence**



Harvest Festival
During the week of 27th September, the children will be learning all about harvest festival. Please bring in any harvest donations you would like to give. All donations will go to Brentwood Foodbank.

Newsletter September 2022

Welcome back!

It has been lovely to welcome you all back and see how much the children have changed since July!!

And a very 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.

Infant Schools for Sept 2023

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

Dates for your diary

**Important please note
Little Doves is closed on
Friday 21st October
for staff training.**

Term finishes: **Wednesday 14th December**
Spring term starts on: **Thursday 5th Jan**
Half term: **Mon 13th Feb to Fri 17th Feb**
Spring term finishes: **Friday 31st March**

**Please let Pam know if you have any
holidays booked 😊**

Next Wonky' Wednesday 12th Oct
We open at **9am** and finish at **12 noon.**



Queen Elizabeth II



**Thank you,
Your Majesty,
for a lifetime of
service and for
the example
you set for us
and around the
world.**

Staff Changes

**We welcome our new staff members Alex
and Ali to our team this term.**

**Because of other work & family
commitments, Beccy will be leaving us at
half term. She has worked with us for 20
years and is amazing and will be missed!!**

Come and visit us when you can.

**Chloe also left us over the summer
holidays to pursue another career – we
wish her all the very best.**

**Congratulations to Zena who has passed
her Level 2 Childcare and can now work
as a keyperson**

Little Urchins Photographs

are back again on Thursday 13th
October. This is available for all children
and siblings. So if it is not your day let Pam
know for a time slot.

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. We may have to start charging for
persistent late pickups as this seems to be
happening more and more 😞

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**All parent numbers are in the process of
being transferred across and going
forward this will be the number from
which you will receive all
communications about the pre-school so
please add this to your contacts. Please
use this number for all your future
correspondence to us and please no
longer use Pam's personal number.**



January 2023 sessions

As you know we are very full. Please make sure we have the correct hours for your child.

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.



Voluntary Donations

A big, big thank you to all those who continue to pay their voluntary donations - these donations hugely help with our day to day running 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.

We need: Handwash. Kitchen rolls. Toilet rolls. Washing up liquid. Plain flour. Salt. Wet wipes. Nappies. Bin liners. Play sand. Zoflora disinfectant. Antibac spray.

Children born between 1st April and 31st August will be funded in September. Children born between 1st Sept and 31st Dec are funded in January.

Newly funded children MUST bring in a copy of their birth certificate and proof of address to show Pam.

30 hour Extended Funding Parents

Please apply **NOW** if you want to claim from January 2023

To those paying childcare, please check with **CHILDCARE CHOICES WEBSITE** to see if you are eligible to any of the tax benefits available.

Important

Pam needs to see your child's red book to confirm immunisations.

Please pay your invoices ASAP

Shining Stars Football

Remember to return the trophies each week to pass on to the next superstar.

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 to prevent choking.



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

Lots of Little Doves T-shirts/Polo shirts in stock: T-shirt £7.50, Polo shirt £10.50 Sweatshirt £11 – see Pam

Please NO toys from home

The toy may not be safe for the younger children, the toy often gets lost and we find the children will not share a toy from home which leads to lots of squabbles!!

So PLEASE NO toys from home.

Please remember to label your child's belongings!!!

Fundraising

If anyone can organise a simple fundraising event, know of anyone who would like to give a donation or if anyone's company will do match funding, that would be great!

Illnesses and Covid19

Please tell us if you or your family are showing any Covid19 signs and need to isolate. Please remember if your child is sick or has diarrhoea, they need to be 48 hours clear from the last episode before returning to Little Doves.

With love & prayers, Pam & the Little Doves team