



NEWSLETTER

January 2015

Welcome back to the new year

We hope you all had a lovely Christmas and New Year.

Our theme will be 'Frozen' and icy cold winter weather- we are hoping that at some point soon we will have some snow.

25 years celebration

This February Woodentops will have been open for 25 years. To celebrate The Villager is coming to do a piece on us on the 9th January 2015 in the morning.

Attached to this newsletter is a permission slip as she has said she would like to take photos of the children attending.

Christmas Party

A huge thank you for all the lovely gifts you gave us at Christmas. We really enjoyed the cards from the children too.

The Christmas Party was a huge hit with the children especially with Jez doing lots of very funny, silly things. There was lots of giggles going round the room.

Father Christmas enjoyed meeting the children and was very impressed that they all said thank you for their presents.

Childrens Book Bags

As a way of preparing the children for school, we thought it would be a good idea for the children to be able to borrow books from Woodentops. These will be lent to the children with their own book bags and will need to be returned the next session/week.

Each child will have a 'contact book' as a way of us commenting on what your child has done in the session and for parents to comment on anything that has happened at home or what they thought of the book they took home.

These will be starting next week- from 12/1/15

Important Dates

6th January- preschool starts back

9th January-The Villager coming in to interview staff and parents plus take photos

9th January pm-staff meeting

16th Jan -Jackie attending football club meeting

28th Jan- afternoon visit to Potton Lower School- meet at potton lower at 3pm.

16th Feb til 20th Feb spring half term

Last day of term- 27th March 2015

14th April- start of summer term,

May half term- 25th May to 29th May. Summer term finishes on 17th July 2015.

Health & Safety

Button Batteries

2 children have recently died from swallowing these small batteries, that can be found in toys, remote controls, calculators and small electronic devices. ROSPA have a page on their website about button cell batteries. [Http://www.rospa.com/homesafety/adviceandinformation/product/button-cell-batteries.aspx](http://www.rospa.com/homesafety/adviceandinformation/product/button-cell-batteries.aspx)

First Aiders

Karen and Sue H re-did their First Aid training in Nov 2014.

Annual Review

In July 2014 we did our usual questionnaire to parents asking them on their thoughts of the preschool, the activities we do, how their child perceived us and any ideas for the future.

All the responses were really positive. A couple of parents felt that information sharing would be useful hence the introduction of the 'contact book'.

Others wanted information about what the children were doing and when so that is why the notice board was put up.

Another point raised was more visits. We are working on these and will be discussing them at the staff meeting this week.

Ofsted

When Ofsted registered Jackie as the owner in July 2014, they were due to visit in 7 months, so December 2014 / January 2015. Since then they have updated their inspection plans and have now decided a visit within 30 months of the original inspection would be satisfactory.

This does not mean we can rest on our laurels but it gives the staff and Jackie more time to review what we do, evaluate it and improve if we feel its required.

Children's uniforms

We now have small and medium T-shirts for £6.00 each

Also small and medium Sweatshirts for £10 each

Please see a member of staff if you would like to purchase them.

New Starters

We would like to welcome Niall and Hayden.

We hope you enjoy your time at Woodentops.

Do share our details to others as we have spaces available.

Please return the information forms that we give you, as these give us a really good idea of what you child likes doing at home. We can then base our planning around all of the children's interests.