

“Where learning is Fun”

Woodentops Preschool

NOV 2017

A big welcome to Brooke
who started this week.

Please Remember your child's
named coat

Childrens Clothes

Please **name** your children's clothing including **their shoes**- quite a few of the children have the same type and we all get very confused! If your child borrows Woodentops clothes please return them as soon as you can.

Fees

The invoices were sent on 5th Nov via email, please contact Jackie if you have not received it. Payments are due by the end of November. If payments are not received, you are at risk of losing your child's place at Woodentops. Arrangements can be made for a payment system if required. Please ask, we will try to support you as much as is possible.

Brogan

Brogan, our apprentice, has started back at work after some time off sick. She is doing a gradual return to work.

Clothes

Please take your child's bag and coat home on their last session of the week. We have to pack away and there is a risk that they will get lost.

Allergies

We have a few children with food allergies such as milk, sesame and eggs. In order to keep them safe, we are a **no nuts** setting therefore no Nutella for sandwiches. Please wash your child's hands and face before coming into to preschool to prevent any allergic reaction. All our foods offered are milk, egg and sesame free including our cooking. Children have their hands and face washed after snack and lunch.

Packed Lunches

Please avoid putting sweets or chocolates in your child's packed lunch.

Kidslingo

Felicity is continuing to come in on Thursday afternoons and will be teaching our children a Spanish Christmas song. The children really enjoy the session with her.

Mobile Phones and Photos

Please **do not use** your mobile phone at preschool.

Talking to staff

Please remember to talk to staff regarding preschool business at preschool. Out of school they are trying to be 'ordinary' mums/people.

Independence

We help your children to be independent by teaching them to put their coats on by throwing it over their heads. Also having Velcro shoes really helps them get themselves ready and gives them such a sense of achievement.

Diaries and bookbags

Each child now has their own book bag and diary. These need to be brought into preschool with your

child. The diary is great for making sure we share anything about your child. Please do write in your child's diary and if they bring a book home, say how well your child enjoyed it. The diaries are for all places your child goes to, to write in e.g. childminders, grandma's and other preschool. It will be yours to keep when your child leave and will be a lovely keepsake.

30 Funded Hours

Those of you who have already claimed the 30 hours, need to make sure that you renew your code by December so that we can claim the 30 hours for January 2018. Those of you whose child is turning 3 before the 31st December and are earning more than £120 per week are also entitled to claim the 30 hours. You need to log on to <https://www.childcarechoices.gov.uk/> where you can fill in the docs to claim it. Once claimed email/text the code to Jackie.

Home bags

We have a selection of home bags that have activities in which the children can take home. Each bag has an instruction leaflet in the exercise book and space for you to write in what your child thought of the activity. They will be coming home soon.

Carol Concert -8th Dec 2017

Normal Friday session, all other children to come in at 11am, dressed in a Christmassy outfit if they want. Concert starts at 11.15 and will finish around 11.45. We will have a raffle, mince pies and coffee

Christmas Party- 15th Dec 2017

From 11am to 1pm. There is **NO** preschool session today. Parents can come back at 12:45 when Father Christmas is hoping to pop in.

Training

We attended 'In The Moment Training' on Monday 30th Oct. It was very exciting as it's so about the way we support childrens learning here. We want our children to be ENGAGED at Woodentops, this means that they will be happy, secure and confidant; independent; be taking risks; and be sociable.

Days that staff are due to work

Jackie- Mon to Fri; Karen- Mon, Wed-Fri; Sue H-Tues-Fri; Kathryn- Mon-Wed, Michelle-Mon-Thurs; Danielle-Tues & Thurs; Jodie-Fri; Brogan-Mon-Fri; Sue D-Wed & Fri.

The best type of engagement is where the children initiate 'the play', they have the autonomy and choice.

The children are concentrating, full of energy, creativity and are persistent. We, as adults, support their learning by waiting for that 'teachable moment', then planning our response that will extend their play.

Important Dates

9th Nov- Simon's session

13th Nov- Jodie's dance

14th Nov-Simon's session

15th Nov-Cooking

16th Nov-visit to Potton

Lower School

20th Nov- Jodie's dance

23rd Nov-Simon's session

27th Nov - Jodie's dance

28th Nov- Simon's session

4th Dec - Jodie's dance

7th Dec- Simon's session

8th Dec- Carol concert at

11.15

11th Dec- Jodie's dance

12th Dec – Simon's session

15th Dec- Xmas Party 11-

1pm

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3rd Jan- Preschool open

Any Questions

If you have any comments or concerns please speak to a manager- Jackie, Karen or Sue H. Thank you.

The Gates

Please make sure you **shut both gates** when going in and out of Woodentops.

This is to keep all our children safe.