

"Where learning is Fun"

Woodentops Preschool

Sept 2017

Welcome, welcome, welcome to everyone. Its lovely to see all our children back after the Summer holidays and to welcome 11 new little ones- Say hello to William, Karis, Olivia, Amalia, Reuben, Darcey, Gracie, Diesel, Aidan, Ronnie and Frazer. We're so proud of how well they have all settled into the routine of preschool and the new environment.

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!

We have lots of Woodentops clothes missing, especially socks, please could you return them- they are all named.

Fees

The invoices were sent on 4th Sept via email, please contact Jackie if you have not received it. Payments are due by the end of September. 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.

School Visits

We will be starting our school visits after half term for those Thursday afternoon children.

Allergies

We have a few children with food allergies such as milk, sesame and eggs. In order to keep them safe, we operate 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.

Kidslingo

We had Felicity come in and do Spanish with the children which they loved. We're thinking about offering it in one of our sessions. We're estimating the cost would be £2 each child per session. Please speak to Jackie if you're interested in your child taking part.

Stay and Play

We no longer do stay and play on Fridays.

Mobile Phones and Photos

Please **do not use** your mobile phone at preschool. The children are so eager to speak to you and are very sad if you are on the phone. It's also a way of keeping your children safe.

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.

Please Remember your child's named coat

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.

What counts as 180 minutes of activity per day?

Walking, cycling, scooting;

Playing with toys such as balls, empty boxes, building blocks;

Running, jumping, skipping, dancing, hopping etc;

Balancing activities such as climbing on obstacle course made from crates and wooden slats that the children made;

Activities like tidying up, gardening; helping clean the house, preparing meals.

At Woodentops we provide lots of space and resources for creative play which not only gives the children lots of physical activity it also prepares them to be fantastic story makers, develops their self-esteem, encourages lots of communication and sharing of ideas.

Opening Times

Woodentops usual hours of handover are 8am, 12pm, 1pm and 4pm. We do different hours if a parent requests and if we can accommodate their child. Please do not think we are being awkward or rude for not letting you in if you arrive early, we must ensure the building is safe for the children prior to them arriving. Our insurance also covers us for the hours you have indicated you require.

Blogs on the website and Facebook

Jackie does a weekly blog or status of the fun and learning the children have had. No children are in the photos to keep their identities safe.

The Gates

Please make sure you **shut both gates** when going in and out of Woodentops. This is to keep all our children safe going in and out of Woodentops.

Important Dates

6th June- Simon's session

18th Sept- Jodie's dance

16th Sept-Simon's session

20th Sept-Tempest

Photography- 11 to 1.30

21st Sept-Cooking

25th Sept- Jodie's dance

26th Sept- Cooking

28th Sept-Simon's session

2nd Oct - Jodie's dance

3rd Oct- Simon's session

4th Oct- Cooking

6th Oct – MacMillan coffee morning from 9.30 to 11

9th Oct - Jodie's dance

10th Oct- Cooking

12th Oct- Simon's session

16th Oct- Jodie's dance

17th Oct- Simons session

19th Oct – Cooking

23rd Oct- HALF TERM

30th Oct- Training day- **preschool closed**

31st Oct- Simon's session

1st Nov- Cooking

Any Questions

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

Toys from home

Bringing toys from home can cause issues for your child. They often do not want to share them- understandably, and others want to play with them. To prevent any upset, we would prefer the toys stay in their bags or at home.