

“Where learning is Fun”

Woodentops Preschool

JAN 2018

A big welcome to Harry,
George, Jamie, Freya, Poppy,
and Ellie who started this term.

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 2nd Jan via email, please contact Jackie if you have not received it. Payments are due by the end of January. 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.

Christmas

Christmas seems so long ago now. We wanted to take this opportunity to say a huge thank you for all our lovely gifts. Whilst not expecting gifts we thoroughly enjoyed them. We hope you enjoyed the bags the children made for you all.

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.

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**-Mon, Tues & Thurs; **Jodie**- Fri; **Brogan**-Mon-Fri; **Sue D**-Wed & Fri.

Raffle- We raised £61 from the raffle. Thank you all for taking part. We bought a some rolling boxes and a trolley to help us transport the outside toys to the garden from the sheds.

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.

Potton Preschool and local childminders

We work very closely with other Early Years settings in Potton, in particular Potton Preschool often attending

training together and sharing good practice. If your child attends other settings please tell us so we can work together for your child's benefit. Also take your child's diary along to that setting so they can communicate with us.

School visits

We're visiting Potton Lower and Sutton this term. Visit dates are listed over. Older pre-schooler's should have had an email.

Preparing for Lower school Evening

On The 31st Jan we have a session at Potton Lower at 7pm, lasting probably an hour, about how we can all help prepare for their next step in their schooling journey. Potton lower, Carrie for Potton Preschool and Jackie from Woodentops are doing a joint presentation. There will be time for questions too.

Funding Forms

Jackie will be asking those that have funded children to sign their declaration forms. These are important as they are sent off to Central Beds in order for us to claim the 15 and 30 funded hours for your children. This week Jackie has to do the actuals so any changes to your children's please inform Jackie ASAP. Thanks

RSPB VISIT- 26th Jan

We have Amanda Long, a previous parent and RSPB worker coming to do a session with us in relation to the Big Birdwatch. There will be lots of fun activities including making a bird feeder in oranges. Please save any orange halves (skin) you may have. We've invited Potton Preschool and the Childminders to join us too.

The Curiosity Approach

We are hoping to start the Curiosity Approach Accreditation this month. This is all about inspiring children and adults to be curious about the world we live in using natural products to explore their ideas. The aim is to end up with highly motivated children that will be eager to learn, explore, be creative and using their imagination throughout their day. In the long term we will have adults that will be full of awe and wonder and be able to be intuitive, creative thinkers. Our play spaces will become more inspiring, thought provoking and creative. We are

really looking forward to working with the fabulous team at the Curiosity Approach.

Important Dates

15th Jan- Jodie's dance
16th Jan - Simon's session
17th Jan- Cooking
18th Jan- Visiting Sutton School
22nd Jan- Jodie's dance
23rd Jan- Cooking
25th Jan - Simon's session
26th Jan – RSPB Visiting
29th Jan- Jodie's dance
30th Jan - Simon's session
31st Jan – preparing for school evening
1st Feb – Visiting Potton Lower
1st Feb – Cooking
5th Feb- Jodie's dance
7th Feb- Cooking
8th Feb- Simon's session
12th Feb- Half term
1st March- visiting Sutton Lower
15th March – Visiting Potton Lower
29th March- Easter party from 11 to 1pm
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.

Packed Lunches

Please **avoid** putting sweets or chocolates in your child's packed lunch. We encourage Healthy eating.