

A big welcome to Rudy who starts after half term.

"Where learning is Fun"

Woodentops Preschool

Feb/March 2018

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 Feb via email, please contact Jackie if you have not received it. Payments are due by the end of February. 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.

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

New staff- We would like to welcome Shannon back to Woodentops. She is a Level 3 Early Years Practitioner and did her apprenticeship with us in 2016. She has since been working at Harpers Nursery in Blunham. Shannon will be working full time and will be having some key children. She starts with us on the 5th March.

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; **Shannon**- Mon to Fri

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

Please provide mittens and hats for your children to wear in the cold weather- Mittens are brilliant as the children can put them on themselves.

Potton Preschool and local childminders

We work very closely with other Early Years settings in Potton- Potton Preschool and the local childminders, 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

I've got 2 dates pencilled in for doing a school preparation evening. It usually takes 40 mins. Dates are 18th April or 2nd May from 7 to 8pm. Please could parents tell me which date would be better and then we'll go with the majority.

Easter party- 29th March

Ark farm are coming in with a few animals for our Easter Party. There will be **NO** normal session that day just the party from 11am to 1pm

The Curiosity Approach

We are working towards the Curiosity Approach Accreditation. 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. 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.

Students

We will have 2 school students joining us in the Summer term. They are both year 10 (15years old) and are here to experience what an early years setting is all about.

Any Questions

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

Packed Lunches

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

The Gates

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

Important Dates

19th Feb- Back to Preschool & Jodie's dance

22nd Feb- Simon's session, Spanishtastic session pm

27th Feb- Simon's session,

27th Feb- meeting Carrie from Potton Preschool

1st March- visiting Sutton Lower

2nd March- Widdershins story time.

5th March- Jodie's dance

7th March- Visiting Potton Preschool

8th March- Simon's session, Spanishtastic pm

12th March- Jodie's dance

13th March- Simon's session,

15th March – Visiting Potton Lower

19th March- Jodie's session,

22nd March- Simon's

session, Spanishtastic pm

26th March- Jodie's session,

29th March- Easter party from 11 to 1pm

16th April- back to preschool

16th April-school place offer date.

26th April- Sutton lower visit

10th May- Potton lower visit

25th May-Standalone farm trip 10-2pm

28th May- 1/6- half term

14th June- Potton lower visit with lunch

27th June- Potton lower parents evening for older preschool parents **7pm**

29th June -shuffle up day Potton lower.