

*“Where learning is Fun”*

# Woodentops Preschool

**April/May 2017**

Blogs on the website and Facebook

Jackie does a weekly blog of the fun and learning the children have had. To keep children safe the photos are anonymous.

## 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 you child borrows Woodentops clothes, please return them as soon as possible.

## Lower School Visits

Our next school visit is to Potton Lower on the 10<sup>th</sup> May plus a lunch visit on the 14<sup>th</sup> June. Potton Lower visits finish at 3.15.

Please Remember Sun hats and Sun cream- we are working towards being a ‘Sun-safe’ setting. [www.sunsafenurseries.co.uk](http://www.sunsafenurseries.co.uk)

## Father’s Day Celebration

On the 15<sup>th</sup> June, the children would like to invite their important adult to celebrate Father’s Day by doing a special breakfast. It’s from 8am to 10am. Those that do not normally attend on a Friday can come in at 9 with their special adult, normal session for Friday children. RSVP 1<sup>st</sup> June.

## Fees for September 2018

From September 2017, the fees will be £4.25 per hour plus a supplementary fee of 30p per hour, total being £4.55 per hour. The supplementary rate covers the ‘additional services’ provided by Woodentops.

**Annual school trip to Standalone Farm Visit- Friday 25<sup>th</sup> May.** We meet at **Standalone car park** at 10am. Children need to be picked up from the farm at 2pm. Cost is £6 per child, this includes entry to the farm and an ice cream/lolly. Adults are more than welcome to come too; the cost is £6 per adult. There will be **NO** usual session at Woodentops.

## 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.

## Parents Evening

This evening is all about ‘preparing your child for school’. It will be a 20-30-minute presentation, you’ll get a chance to ask questions and see your child’s learning journey. You’ll also see some Curiosity approach activities set up for you to play with. Its from 7pm to 8pm.

## Communication Friendly setting

Karen is our Communication coordinator and continues with her weekly ‘Lift off to Language’ groups.

## Our Raffle

Our Easter raffle raised £42 which we are going to use for The Theatre of Widdershins on the 20<sup>th</sup> April. All children are welcome to attend. Those that don't normally attend on Fridays can come along if their adult stays with them. It starts at 10:15 and usually lasts about half an hour.

## GDPR

GDPR is the General Data Protection Regulation and is coming into force on 25<sup>th</sup> May 2018. Jackie is working behind the scenes to ensure Woodentops is GDPR compliant by 25<sup>th</sup> May. At Woodentops we will only use yours and your child's information to provide a childcare service to you. We will send information to you via text, email, telephone and post, we must ensure we have your permission to do this. We will keep your information secure on site and will only share if required to do so by law. There will be some updated forms coming out soon to ensure we have the right information and your signed permissions. Please feel free to contact Jackie regarding any comments or queries about Data protection.

## 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

- 16<sup>th</sup> April- 1<sup>st</sup> day back
- 19<sup>th</sup> April-Simon's session/Spanish with Felicity
- 20<sup>th</sup> April-Widdershins theatre in
- 24<sup>th</sup> April- Simon's session
- 26<sup>th</sup> April- Spanish with Felicity
- 2<sup>nd</sup> May- Parents Evening from 7-8pm
- 3<sup>rd</sup> May- Simon's session/Spanish with Felicity
- 8<sup>th</sup> May-Stratton Upper sch student visiting for 2 weeks
- 8<sup>th</sup> May- Simon's session
- 10<sup>th</sup> May- Visiting Potton Lower
- 17<sup>th</sup> May- Simon's session/Spanish with Felicity
- 24<sup>th</sup> May-Spanish with Felicity
- 25<sup>th</sup> May-Standalone farm
- 28<sup>th</sup> May- **HALF TERM**
- 4<sup>th</sup> June-Back to Preschool

## Lunches-

We are **NUT** free setting so no nuts/ sesame biscuits in lunches please including Nutella. We have some severely allergic children.

- 7<sup>th</sup> June- Simon's session/Spanish
- 12<sup>th</sup> June -Simon's session
- 14<sup>th</sup> June-Visiting Potton Lower for lunch.
- 15<sup>th</sup> June-Father's Day 8-10am
- 21<sup>st</sup> June- Simon's session/Spanish
- 26<sup>th</sup> June- Simon's session
- 27<sup>th</sup> June- new intake evening for parents going to Potton Lower School
- 28<sup>th</sup> June-Spanish
- 29<sup>th</sup> June Shuffle up day to PLS
- 6<sup>th</sup> July Sports day with Simon and Picnic
- 20<sup>th</sup> July- Summer party from 11 to 1pm, **no usual session.**

## 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. Cuddlies are necessary when a child is feeling sad and are used then. Thank you.

## Carnival- Party on Potton Weekend- 25<sup>th</sup> August 2018.

Our theme for our float is 'Charlie and the Chocolate factory'. We would love to have help from parents, children and carers. We're planning a meeting soon. Watch this space