

*"Where learning is Fun"*

# Woodentops Preschool

Sept/Oct 2018

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.

## The POP Carnival

Thank you so much to all the parents who joined us on Saturday the 25<sup>th</sup> August to dress the carnival float. A special thanks goes to Kevin Wheeler for all his help, and Hayley and Steve. Also, to all the staff that spent time over the holidays collating what the children had made and wrapping them for the float. It looked super and we are proud to say we came second in the judging.

## Welcome

This year we had 14 children join us in September, they have done superbly too which makes us all very proud. As you know any parents with children settling in will get texts especially if they are upset on the drop off. Please don't worry if we do not text, it means your child is having a fun time.

## What's happening this term?

This term we have the Tempest photographer coming in on the 19<sup>th</sup> Sept. She is there from 11am to 1pm. Any children in on the Wednesday can have their picture done. Those that aren't usually in, can come in anytime between 11 and 1pm. Siblings are also welcome to have their photos done as well.

On the 5<sup>th</sup> Oct we have our annual Macmillan coffee morning from 10 to 11am. Come and join Woodentops children and staff and support this worthwhile cause.

On the 2<sup>nd</sup> November, we are having a quiz night from 7.30 to 10.30pm. Last time this quiz night was very popular so get your tickets early. Tickets will be on sale from next week, its £3 per person with a team maximum of 6. The bar will be open and

they now sell Prosecco! Tim is the Quiz Master! And there will be some fun picture rounds.

## 30-hour code

- Reapply for your code by end of October.

<https://www.childcarechoices.gov.uk>

## 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.

## Boot Camp

Simon is due to start boot camp on Tuesday the 11<sup>th</sup> September. He will be doing bootcamp alternate Tuesdays and Thursdays so that we can get as many of our littlies to experience such a fun session.

## The Gates

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

## Potton Apple Orchard and nature garden

Following on from Sally visiting us in July with her apples, Jackie is meeting Sally soon to discuss Woodentops childrens' use of the nature garden and sponsoring of some of the fruit trees in the orchard. Watch this space.

## Our Children

Every year we assess how our children have done over the year whilst at Woodentops. We are immensely proud of how well they all have done.

- 76% of the children are at/above their development stage for Personal, Social and Emotional Development(PSED)
- 67% of the children are at/above their dev stage for Communication & /Language(C/L)
- 68% of all children are at/above their dev stage for Physical Development(PD)

This is compared to our children from last year who were

- 51% were at/above their development levels for PSED;
- 53% were at/ above for C & L and
- 40 % were at /above PD.

## Kidslingo- Spanish

We are hoping Nisha will coming in to discuss starting these sessions for Woodentops older children on Thursday afternoons.

## Important Dates

- 11<sup>th</sup> Sept- Simon's session
- 14<sup>th</sup> Sept- -Usborne books Susanna visiting
- 19<sup>th</sup> Sept-Tempest Photographer 11am to 1pm
- 20<sup>th</sup> Sept-- Simon's session
- 25<sup>th</sup> Sept- Simon's session
- 2<sup>nd</sup> Oct- Laura visiting from Central Beds
- 4<sup>th</sup> Oct- Simon's session
- 5<sup>th</sup> Oct- MacMillan Coffee Morning
- 9<sup>th</sup> Oct - Simon's session
- 18<sup>th</sup> Oct- Simon's session
- 22<sup>nd</sup> to 26<sup>th</sup> Oct Half term- preschool closed

## Lunches-

We are a **NUT** free setting so no nuts/ sesame biscuits in lunches please including Nutella. We have some severely allergic children. Please provide spoons if your child has a potted desert- we have very few spoons.

- 2<sup>nd</sup> Nov—Quiz night
- 8<sup>th</sup> Nov- Simon's session
- 13<sup>th</sup> Nov- Simon's session
- 22<sup>nd</sup> Nov- Simon's session
- 27<sup>th</sup> Nov- Simon's session
- 30<sup>th</sup> Nov-Potton Xmas Lights
- 6<sup>th</sup> Dec- Simon's session
- 14<sup>th</sup> Dec-last day of term
- 17<sup>th</sup> Dec-Xmas party 10-

## Term Dates.

Autumn Term- 3<sup>rd</sup> Sept to 14<sup>th</sup> Dec,

Christmas party 17<sup>th</sup> Dec 10-12

Half term- 22<sup>nd</sup> to 26<sup>th</sup> Oct.

Spring term- 3<sup>rd</sup> Jan to 5<sup>th</sup> April, Half term- 11<sup>th</sup> to 15<sup>th</sup> Feb.

Summer term- 23<sup>rd</sup> April to 17<sup>th</sup> July, End of term party 18<sup>th</sup> July 10-12

Half term- 27<sup>th</sup> to 31<sup>st</sup> May.

## Staffing

Jodie has now stopped doing her dancing sessions although she remains our relief practitioner. Shannon is off sick and will be doing a phased return to work from October. Brogan is continuing with her level 3 apprenticeship, she is doing ICT on Thursday mornings.

## 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. 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.

## Jam Jars

Save your small jam jars for us- we need them for our Xmas activities.

Please