

“Where learning is Fun”

Woodentops Preschool

Nov/ Dec 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.

Last Half Term

We have all had so much fun. The children have made fire engines, tents, gone camping and built fires, built huge cranes, ran through blowing scarves on the fence, chopped up the vegetables for their wraps, been super at sharing our rules and have been lovely to work with. Their curiosity and imagination is being stretched to the limits. It’s lovely to see how calm and kind each of the children are. The Tempest photos are back and they raised £34 for us, the MacMillan coffee morning was a super success and we raised £150 for them.

What’s happening this term?

On the 2nd 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. 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.

Week beginning 5th November we are doing a sponsored read supported by Susanna Rice from Usborne books. Each child will have a sponsor form and for every book the child shares with a parent or carer they are sponsored. Its one way of getting children and parents to enjoy books together. All the money raised will be used to buy books for preschool, plus Usborne gives us an additional percentage on top of the money raised so giving us more books. We’re really looking forward to this event.

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.

30-hour code

Please reapply for your code as soon as possible. Most of the expiry dates are in Dec 18 and if the codes have not been renewed you will miss out on the funded hours provided by Government in Jan 2019.

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

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.

The Signing Company

Jules is doing signing with Sam on Wednesday mornings. We are doing two groups, so the children all get a chance to have a go. The children and the team are loving having Jules and Sam in.

The Gates

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

Lunches- in **Named** lunch boxes

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.

Kidslingo- Spanish

The children are enjoying doing the Spanish sessions. They are on Thursday afternoons from 1.45 to 2.15. Nisha sent this lovely message to us all- *'I just wanted to send a message to say thank you to all of the staff and children at Woodentops for making me feel so instantly welcome as the new Kidslingo teacher. There is always a lovely, relaxed atmosphere at the preschool'.*

School Visits

Next year we have 30 children going to up to 7 different schools. We have decided to visit the schools once the childrens places have been confirmed for their school so after the 16th April 2019. As soon as we know what dates we will inform the parents. We may not be able to visit all the schools though we will try our best.

Important Dates

- 30th Oct- Simon's session
- 31st Oct- Dress up for Halloween, Signing with Jules
- 1st Nov -Spanish with Nisha
- 2nd Nov- Quiz night
- 5th Nov—Sponsored Book read
- 7th Nov- Signing with Jules, Local network meeting with childminders and PPS
- 8th Nov- Simon's session, Spanish with Nisha
- 9th Nov- Staff meeting
- 13th Nov- Simon's session
- 14th Nov- Signing with Jules
- 15th Nov- Spanish with Nisha
- 21st Nov- Signing with Jules
- 22nd Nov- Simon's session, Spanish with Jules
- 27th Nov- Simons session
- 28th Nov- Signing with Jules
- 29th Nov- Spanish with Nisha
- 30th Nov- Potton Xmas lights switch on
- 27th Nov- Simon's session
- 30th Nov-Potton Xmas Lights
- 5th Dec- Signing with Jules
- 6th Dec- Simon's session
- 7th Dec-Carol concert at 11.15

Jam Jars

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

Thank you

14^h Dec-last day of term

17th Dec-Xmas party 10-12pm

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.

Meeting with Potton Lower

Jackie met Miss Coppenhall and Miss Clark at the end of last half term to find out how our little ones were doing at Potton Lower. They seemed to have all settled pretty well and have taken to school life really well. The teachers felt the children arrived at school full of an enthusiasm to learn which they were really pleased about.

Term Dates.

Autumn Term- 3rd Sept to 14th Dec,

Christmas party 17th Dec 10-12

Half term- 22nd to 26th Oct.

Spring term- 7th Jan to 5th April,

Half term-11th to 15th Feb.

Summer term- 23rd April to 17th July,

End of term party 18th July 10-12

Half term- 27th to 31st May.

Any Questions

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