

# Woodentops Preschool

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.

## Jan/ Feb 2019

### 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 possible.

### Last Half Term

See our blog- Welcome to The New Year on the [www.woodentops-potton.com](http://www.woodentops-potton.com) page.

### What's happening this term?

On the 6<sup>th</sup> Feb we are having a **Parents Evening** to talk about preparing for school and for parents to see their child's learning journey plus talk to your child's keyperson. All parents invited.

On the 22<sup>nd</sup> Feb, we are having a **Bingo night**. Cost £5 per person with lots of prizes and a raffle.

**Mother's Day treat- 29<sup>th</sup> March-** watch this space for more info.

### The Gates

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

### 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.

### The Signing Company

Jules is doing signing on Wednesday mornings. We do two groups, so the children all get a chance to have a go.

### Kidslingo- Spanish

The children are enjoying doing the Spanish sessions. They are on Thursday afternoons from 1.45 to 2.15.

### 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.

### Important Dates

7<sup>th</sup> Jan- back to preschool  
9<sup>th</sup> Jan- Signing with Jules  
10<sup>th</sup> Jan -Spanish with Nisha  
16<sup>th</sup> Jan- Signing with Jules  
17<sup>th</sup> Jan- Bootcamp, Spanish  
18<sup>th</sup> Jan- Meeting with PPS  
22<sup>nd</sup> Jan- Bootcamp  
23<sup>rd</sup> Jan- Signing with Jules  
24<sup>th</sup> Jan- Spanish with Nisha  
25<sup>th</sup> Jan- Staff meeting  
30<sup>th</sup> Jan- Signing with Jules  
31<sup>st</sup> Jan- Bootcamp, Spanish  
5<sup>th</sup> Feb- Bootcamp  
6<sup>th</sup> Feb- Signing with Jules, parents evening  
7<sup>th</sup> Feb- Spanish with Nisha  
11<sup>th</sup> Feb- **HALF TERM**  
21<sup>st</sup> Feb- Simon's session, Spanish  
22<sup>nd</sup> Feb- BINGO night  
26<sup>th</sup> Feb- Bootcamp  
27<sup>th</sup> Feb- Signing with Jules  
28<sup>th</sup> Feb- Spanish with Nisha  
6<sup>th</sup> March- Signing with Jules  
7<sup>th</sup> March- Bootcamp, Spanish  
12<sup>th</sup> March- Bootcamp  
13<sup>th</sup> March- Signing with Jules  
14<sup>th</sup> March- Spanish with Nisha  
16<sup>th</sup> March- Training day for staff  
20<sup>th</sup> March- Signing with Jules  
21<sup>st</sup> March- Bootcamp, Spanish  
26<sup>th</sup> March- Bootcamp  
27<sup>th</sup> March- Signing with Jules  
28<sup>th</sup> March- Spanish with Nisha  
29<sup>th</sup> March- Mother's Day treat  
3<sup>rd</sup> April- Signing with Jules  
4<sup>th</sup> April- Bootcamp, Spanish  
5<sup>th</sup> April- Easter party with Widdershins theatre group, 10am to 12pm

## Questionnaires

We will be sending out anonymous questionnaires for you all to fill in regarding the service we provide for you and your children. Please return them as soon as possible. We do have Ofsted due this year, so they will be used to support our provision and our development plan.

## Policies

We have updated Settling In, Admission, Health & Safety, Allergies, Confidentiality, Behaviour Management, Arrival & Collection and Accident, Injury & Illness. These are kept in the red folder in the foyer and there is a section on the website.

One important change is: - if your child has an accident or injury at Woodentops we will text you, fill out the paperwork and staple it into your child's diary. Any incidences will still be discussed confidentially with you at pick up. This change has happened because parents weren't always told at the end of the session so by texting, you will know they have had a bump.

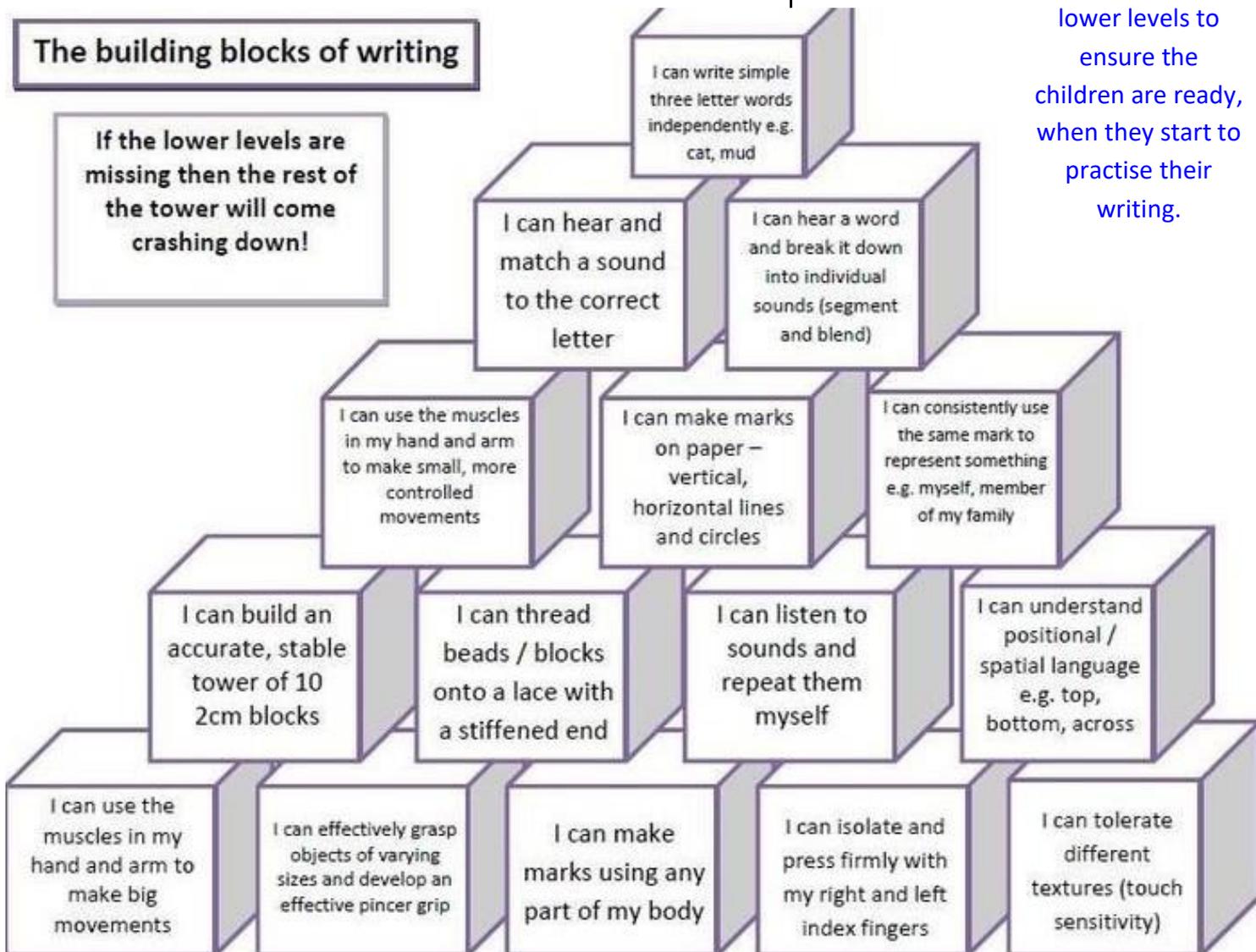
## School Applications

These need to be done by 15<sup>th</sup> January, please remember to put the school of preference on and 2 alternatives. You should be told by 16<sup>th</sup> April 2019 which school you got in to.

## Any Questions

If you have any comments or concerns please speak to a manager, Jackie, Karen or Sue H. so we can deal with it – Thank you.

We work on the 3 lower levels to ensure the children are ready, when they start to practise their writing.



## Staffing

This term we are welcoming Maria to the Woodentops team, she is a level 3 practitioner and has been working in Early Years for 14 years. She will be working Mondays, Tuesdays and Thursdays. Other staff's hours remain the same.

## Thank you

Thank you so much for our lovely Christmas gifts, we all thoroughly enjoyed being spoilt. We hope you had a fabulous Christmas. Happy New Year.