

Woodentops Preschool

Sept 2019

Blogs on the website and Facebook

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

Welcome

A big warm welcome to all our children and parents. Its lovely to have you all back after the summer break. We have 15 new little ones joining us too. Please do ask if you have any questions, we will answer as best we can.

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, washed, as soon as possible.

Term Dates

Autumn term- 2nd Sept to 16th Dec, Half term-21st to 25th Oct.

Spring term 2020- 6th Jan to 3rd April, Half term- 17th to 21st Feb.

Summer Term 2020- 20th April to 17th July Half term-25th to 29th May

VE day Bank holiday Friday 8th June

This term

We have our **MacMillan afternoon** on the 26th September from 1pm to 3pm. Please join us for some delicious cakes and coffee/tea. We would love some donations of cakes and biscuits too. There will be some fun activities for the children too. Raffle tickets will be on sale.

Half term is 21/10 to 25/10, back to preschool on 28th Oct.

Christmas Concert on 6th Dec at 11.30.

Last day of term 14th Dec

Christmas party 16th Dec 10 to 12pm.

FUNDED 30 hours

- Remember to redo your 30 hour code by Oct half term to qualify for the January term.

<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.

Mother's Day treat

This is on the 20th March-from 8 am to 10am. Join us for a bacon or sausage sandwich.

Fathers Day

Join us on the 19th June to celebrate those important men in your lives with bacon or sausage rolls. Its from 8am to 10am,

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.

Ofsted

We now have a new Education Inspection Framework to follow, it was brought out in Sept 2019. The government are also reviewing the Early Years Foundation Stage with a plan to bring it out in 2021.

Fees

What does your hourly fee cover? I've worked out what percentage your hourly fee of £5.25 covers. At the moment, 71% goes on wages, pensions and tax, 9% goes on rent, insurances and the Ofsted fee and the remaining 20% is used for snack, resources, visitors, paper towels, wipes etc. Again in April 2020, the minimum wage will be put up which will then reflect in the fees as the government funding may only be increased by 6 to 8p per hour. The proposed wage increase will be around 10% - 42p per hour.

Important Dates

11th Sept- Signing with Jules
18th Sept – Photographer in
25th Sept- Signing with Jules
26th Sept- MacMillan Coffee afternoon
2nd Oct - Signing with Jules
9th Oct - Signing with Jules
16th Oct- Signing with Jules
21st Oct -**HALF TERM**
6th Nov - Signing with Jules
13th Nov - Signing with Jules
20th Nov- Signing with Jules
27th Nov - Signing with Jules
4th Dec- Signing with Jules
6th Dec – Carol Concert
11th Dec - Signing with Jules
13th Dec -Last day of term
16th Dec- **XMAS PARTY 10 to 12**
2020
6th Jan – **BACK TO PRESCHOOL**
17th Feb – **HALF TERM**
20th March – Mother’s Day breakfast
3rd April- Last day of term
16th April- schools
27th June- Spanish
28th June -Shuffle up day- PLS
3rd July- Signing with Jules
4th July - Bootcamp with Simon
4th July - Spanish
5th July -Sports Day
10th July- Signing with Jules
11th July- Spanish
19th July- End of term party

Home Bears

We now have 3 gorgeous Home bears to go home with you. They are coming in this week. They love joining in all your fun activities and we really like it when you bring them back with lots of pictures in their diary.

Staff Changes

Chloe has joined us this term and works Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday. Shannon has gone off on Maternity leave with her little one due in October. Jo is on long term sick leave. We’re hoping she’ll be back in the new year.

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 is a lovely way for your child to share. Once shared they will be put in your child’s bag or by their name.
Cuddlies are necessary when a child is feeling sad and are used then. Thank you.

Lunches-

We are **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.

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.