

Woodentops Preschool

April/May 2020

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

Spring looks like it's on their way and we are looking forward to the fun we can have outside.

Childrens Clothes

Please **Name** all your children's belongings including shoes!!! We have quite a few children with the same shoes and same bags/lunchboxes which can be very confusing for all, please display name on the outside.

Term Dates

Spring term ends on the 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

Autumn Term 2020- 7th Sept to 18th Dec, Half Term-26th Oct to 30th Oct.

This term

We have **Mother s day breakfast** on the 20th March. All children will be inviting their Mums/ Mummy's, Aunts, Grandma's to join them for a breakfast butty of either bacon or sausage- we do cater for vegetarians and vegans too. The morning starts at 8am for those children that come in at 8, all others can come in at 9am. We will be sending out invites and slips that need to be returned so we can get the right numbers. There will be fun activities to do with your child/children for you to take home. The session finishes a 10am. Those children who normally do a Friday will stay for their normal session.

Our **Easter Party** will be on the 3rd April, we will **only be open from 10am to 12pm that day**. All children welcome, this is a free session.

FUNDED 30 hours

- Remember to redo your 30 hour code by the expiry date the HMRC have given you. If you don't you will be liable for preschool fees for the extended 30 hours.

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

Mobile Phones and Photos

Please **DO NOT USE** your mobile phone at preschool. Your child/ 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 all our children safe.

Fathers Day

Join us on the 19th June to celebrate those important men in your lives with bacon or sausage rolls, we do cater for vegetarians. 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' parents/people.

School visits

This year we have 21 children going to school in September 2020. Once your child's school has been confirmed we will do a parents evening (**22nd April**) to talk about helping prepare for the transition to school. We have some visits planned for Potton Lower- 30th April, 7th May and 4th June. A session will also be arranged in June. The parents evening is usually at the end of June with the shuffle up day the Friday afterwards, these have yet to be confirmed.

Fee increases

Due to the increase in general living costs, we are reviewing our rates for April 2020. Minimum wage is going up by 6.2% which makes a huge difference to our small business outgoings. From the summer term, fees will be £1.30 per hour for funded children and £5.55 per hour for non-funded children

Important Dates

2020

20th March – Mother's Day breakfast
3rd April- Last day of term
16th April- Schools Admissions confirmed
20th April- Back to school
22nd April- Parents evening
30th April- PLS visit
7th May- PLS visit
8th May -VE day (Bank Holiday)
25th May to 29th May- Half term
4th June- PLS visit
19th June – Father's Day breakfast
10th July- Family Pic Nic
17th July- Last day and End of Term party

Autumn Term

7th September

Songs we Sing

We love singing Jelly on the plate, wheels on the bus, my hands are rolling, down in the Jungle. If ever you wonder what your little one is singing do ask- I'm sure we can work it out together.

Parents Evening

We are having our **Preparing for School** evening on the 22nd April from 7pm. It should only last an hour and it's a short presentation with parents having lots of opportunity to ask questions. We are hoping the teachers from the schools your children are going to, will be able to attend as well.

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.

Items we would love to have

Paper, ribbon, plastic pots, sticks, feathers, wool, baskets, buttons, costume jewellery, jam jar lids, bottle tops, card, bangles, corks and anything you may consider safe and interesting to play/construct with.

POP celebrations 2020

August bank holiday weekend is **Party On Potton** time. There will be lots of fun activities starting on the Friday night through to the Monday night with lots of free daytime activities for children. Woodentops as always will be supporting POP, do come down and join in the fun.

Driving in the car park

Please drive slowly into Woodentops. Remember it is a pathway as well as a car park, so there are often people walking with little ones and buggies.

Please park considerately and avoid blocking cars in. If a staff member must leave, it is often for an emergency. A Car Safety booklet is available in the foyer.

Woodentops is 30 years old this year

To celebrate our achievement of 30 years we are having a party on the 11th July 2020. We have Pop doing a bar and BBQ, Widdershins theatre is doing a show and we will have lots of fun activities for all ages. We would love children and adults who came to Woodentops to join us on this fun day. Just think our oldest child would now be 33 years old.

Any Questions

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