

Woodentops Preschool

April 2021

Blogs on Facebook

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

Hello Everyone

Spring is here and the flowers are starting to look glorious. Michelle oversees the garden area and we have been chitting our potatoes at home ready for them to be planted soon. We are hoping to grow strawberries, radishes, carrots, peas and some sunflowers. The children really enjoy this aspect of Woodentops. The apple trees are growing a pace and hopefully they will be moving to the orchard soon.

Term Dates

Summer Term 2021- 12th April to 16th July, Half Term 31st May to 4th June

Autumn Term 2021- 6th Sept to 17th Dec, Half Term 25th to 29th Oct.

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.

This Term

Oh my, this term has been very messy and wet. The children have loved it though- the messier the better. Sometimes the garden looks like a mud bath! We have celebrated Valentine's day, Mothering Sunday and this week Red Nose day. We have done this by chatting to the children talking about their special mummy figure and what they like about them. This week we have been going through what Red Nose day is all about. We have loved cooking. The children have their own bowl and do all their making themselves with a little guidance from the staff. They are getting rather good at cracking eggs. We always make sure the recipe is clear to see and use it to follow as we are cooking. We have lovely words- gloopy and sloppy, to name a few, which is super for extending their word knowledge. Each child is offered cooking- if they have not done it, it will be because they chose not to.

Repel Hygiene

We are continuing to have our monthly spray of the room by Barry from Repel Hygiene and use the Zoono spray every morning on our hands, along with lots of handwashing and alcolgel (staff carry this on them all the time) if needed. We do prefer handwashing as it's the best way to clean away the germs. We have automatic foam dispensers in the toilets too.

Mobile Phones and Photos

Please **DO NOT USE** your mobile phone on Preschool premises, from the entry gate to the exit gate. This is our way of keeping all your children **safe**. Your child/ children are so eager to speak to you and are very sad if you are on the phone.

The Gates

Please remember to use the entrance gate by the football club ticket office.

Make sure you **shut the gates** when going in and out of Woodentops. The exit gate is by the Office doors.

Remember it is a one- way system.

Please remember to wear a mask at drop off and pick up and keep at least 2 metres from the next set of parents.

We want to keep open in these times and just one person could cause Woodentops to close.

Toys from home

We prefer toys from not to come into Woodentops especially during COVID.

Cuddlies are necessary when a child is feeling sad and are used then.

Thank you.

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.

Fees

You should have all received information of our fee schedule.

Our hourly rate remains at £5.55. Funded children pay a contribution fee. Funded hours are accessible between 9am and 3pm, with sessions being 9 to 12, 1 to 4pm or 9 to 3pm.

Time	Session	Price
8am to 9am	Early morning drop off	£5.55
9 am to 3pm	Full Day session	£6.00
9am to 12pm	Morning session	£3
12pm to 1pm	Extended session lunch session until 1pm.	£5.55
1pm to 4 pm	Afternoon session	£3
3pm to 4 pm	Extended afternoon session	£5.55

If you have an issue with payment of your invoice, please talk to Jackie and we can set up a payment plan. If I don't get payments, I will have to seek help from the Small Claims Court. You are also at risk of losing your child's space at Woodentops. We want to keep Woodentops open and if we have no payments we are likely to close.

Important Dates

2021

26th March- Last day of Term finishing at 1pm

12th April- Summer Term starts

16th April- Schools Admissions confirmed

31st May to 4th June- Half Term

16th July- Last day of term and hopefully COVID allowing a party day. Details to follow nearer the time.

Next Year's Term Dates 2021 to 2022

We return to preschool on 6th September 2021

6th Sept to 17th Dec- Autumn term

25th Oct to 29th Oct-Half Term

5th Jan 2022 to 1st April- Spring term

20th April 2022 to 22nd July

Staff Mobiles

I just want to remind all parents that our policy is that staff do not use their personal mobile phones in the setting. They are kept in the staff room and are used for their own personal emergency use. They always check with the manager before using their phone and it is always used in a room away from the children.

Lunches

Please add a spoon to your child's lunchbox as we do not have any spares at Woodentops.

Thank you.

Your children's safety is our first priority and we are constantly reviewing how we manage to keep them safe and well.

The Family App

All Parents should have been sent a login to the family app- if you haven't had it, please tell Jackie and she can sort out another log in for you. On the app we are logging our accidents, incidents, messaging parents, adding photos and children's attendance through it.

Accidents and Incidents

Children aged between 2 and 5 years old are growing and developing constantly. This means that their brain is constantly readjusting to their physical development and their emotional development. Some children have more incidents than accidents and vice versa- this is ok, we must tell you that your child has had an incident. We will have dealt with it at the time. The incident note is for your information only. If you have any concerns, please speak to us. We are there to support your child primarily but also you.

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.

Any Questions

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

Extended 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.

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