

Woodentops Preschool

Sept 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

We have the Remembrance parade on Sunday, meeting in the Market Square at 10.15. You are more than welcome to join us for the walk to the cemetery but I must stress we cannot be responsible for your children during the service and walk.

Term Dates

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

Spring Term 2022- 5th Jan to 1st April, Half Term 14th to 18th Feb

Summer Term 2022- 19th April to 21st July, Half Term 30th May to 3rd June

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 put the name on the outside. Please make sure your child's bag is well stocked with spare clothes and nappies.

No Crocs/open toed shoes/sandals.

Thank you.

Keyworkers

Your children all have a named key worker and it should be on the family app. If you want to see your keyworker, speak to Jackie and we will organise a time that is good for both of you.

Staff in the garden

Please can I ask you not to chat to our staff over the fence. They are supervising/playing with the children and really need to keep focused on what's happening around them. Speak to Jackie or whoever's on the door please instead.

30 hour code.

Please remember to renew your code by the 30th November.



Childcare
Choices

To keep your 30 hours free childcare place **you** need to check your details are up to date every 3 months. Go to [gov.uk/childcareaccount](https://www.gov.uk/childcareaccount)

HM Government

Mobile Phones and Photos

Please **DO NOT USE** your mobile phone on Preschool premises. We need to keep all your children **safe**. Your child/ children are so eager to speak to you and are very sad if you are on the phone.

Impact

We are going through the IMPACT accreditation- Karen is in charge of this. It is a way of looking at what Woodentops does and how we can improve for the children's benefit. We are due to finish by April 2022.

Xmas Lights.

These are on in the Market Square on the 27th Nov from 3.30pm. Father Christmas and his elves will be there.

Christmas

We are starting to do activities based around Christmas including cakes. The cakes won't come home for a while as they will need to be decorated.

PLEASE BRING IN A NAMED WATER BOTTLE FULL OF WATER. THANKS

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.

Fees

From January 2022 the hourly rate will be £5.60.

Lunches and food

We want to keep all your children as safe as possible and there may be children at Woodentops who have never come into contact with nuts or nut products, so we are not aware if they have an allergy and neither is their family.

What to avoid in Lunches: -

Because of allergies we ask for **NO** Nutella or peanut butter in their sandwiches and to avoid any nut products in their lunches. We also would prefer no chocolate or chocolate products in their lunch boxes. This is because these are generally made on a production line where nuts are.

Avoid smoothies and pure fruit juice- these are now **NOT** classed as part of the one of the 5 a day and should have a combined maximum of 150mls per day.

We also ask that people avoid sweets in their children's lunch boxes- this includes chocolate bars/ buttons, Haribo's, skittles, mars bars, chocolate sweets, fruit stars and fruit winders etc. We ask this mainly as its unfair on others but also the ingredients in there give the children a major sugar boost which then falls away really quickly making them irritable plus the sugar is so bad for their teeth and bodies.

What can go in lunches: -

Cakes- a small fairy cake, a piece of cake, malt loaf, Soreen bar, a piece of Fruit bread, fruited teacakes,

Fruit and vegetable- any type that your child likes. They should have a least one piece of fruit and veg in their lunch box. A piece is equivalent to the size of their palm. This could be dried fruit too.

Pasta/ rice or couscous- we are not able to heat it up but they can eat it cold if they like.

Salads

Filled Sandwiches/ filled wraps/pizza pieces/ filled bagels

Pitta bread and Dips

Dried fruit- raisins, apricots, figs, dates.

Crisps- please give them a small amount- 4 to 6 crisps is suggested by the infant and toddler forum, a 'grab' bag is too much for a little one.

Yoghurts/ fruit pots/angel delight/ custard

Jellies- although children do struggle with these because of them being so wobbly!

Dilute fruits juices.

Please remember to provide a spoon/fork for your child if they have food that requires them.

Here's some ideas for lunch boxes: -

<https://www.nhs.uk/change4life/recipes/healthier-lunchboxes>

https://static1.squarespace.com/static/59f75004f09ca48694070f3b/t/5a926d288165f549b5a68ca2/1519545646246/Packed_lunches_Dec17.pdf

Here's a link about portion sizes: -

<https://infantandtoddlerforum.org/toddlers-to-preschool/portion-sizes-for-toddlers/toddler-portion-sizes-table/>.

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 nappies and toileting, accidents, incidents, messaging parents, putting notes on the news feed, adding photos and children's attendance.

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.

Lunches

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



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