

Woodentops Preschool

Posts on Facebook

Jackie tries to do a weekly post of the fun and learning the children have had. To keep children safe the photos are anonymous.

February 2022

Hello Everyone

We hope you've all had a lovely half term. Just to remind you this term finishes on the 1st April and we return back on the 20th April.

Last half term was lots of fun, the children were fascinated initially by aeroplanes- making them out of paper which then extended to all modes of transport including sending a rocket to the moon (our den area) and building cars out of the junk modelling. Do continue to collect your yoghurt pots, old wrapping paper, toilet/kitchen rolls etc as the children love to use them all in their creations. We are also collecting them here at lunch, washing them out ready for use in the afternoon. The children are getting good at sussing out what can be used for modelling. A great way to re-use resources.

Term Dates

Spring Term 2022-finishes 1st April

Summer Term 2022- 20th April to 20th July, Half Term 30th May to 3rd June

Autumn Term 2022- 6th Sept to 17th Dec, Half Term 24th to 28th 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.

30-hour Code.

Please renew your child's 30 hour code. It should be done by 31/3/22. If it's not renewed you will lose the funding for the Summer term. If your child is turning 3 before 31st March 22 and you work for more than 16 hours or earn more than £150 per week you can apply for a 30 hour code (an 11 digit number) through

https://www.gov.uk/30-hours-free-childcare?utm_source=childcarechoices&utm_medium=microsite

Repel Hygiene

We are continuing to have our monthly spray of the room by Barry from Repel Hygiene and use the Zoono foam every morning on our hands, along with lots of handwashing and alcohol spray if needed. We do prefer handwashing as its the best way to clean away the germs.

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. Also your child/ children are so eager to speak to you and are very sad if you are on the phone.

Session contribution fee.

The fees will go up to £3.15 for a 3 hour session and £6.30 for a 6 hour session.

As Woodentops is a 'not for profit' business, all our money is ploughed back into the business to give your children the best possible start in their educational journey. We do not make a profit on the uniform, do not charge a registration fee, we supplement our trips out and provide free sessions for our party days. We are not eligible for the charity support from other businesses and do not get a reduction in rent.

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

2022

1st April- Last day of Term. Open for the Party **ONLY** from 9.30 to 12pm and we have Safari Stu coming in at 10am with a party snack at 11.15.

16th April- Schools Admissions confirmed

20th April- Summer Term starts

30th May to 3rd June- Half Term.

20th July- Last day of term- We have Widdershin's Theatre coming in. Details to follow nearer the time.

Next Year's Term Dates 2022 to 2023

We return to preschool on 5th September 2022

6th Sept to 17th Dec- Autumn term

24th Oct to 28th Oct -Half Term

4th Jan 2022 to 31st March- Spring term

17th April 2022 to 19nd July 2023

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 and children's attendance through it.

Having a laptop in the room is not always easy with little fingers wanting to join in the typing. So, I have downloaded the app to the Woodentops work mobile and to the iPad.

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.

The work phone is used to log accidents, incidents, messaging parents plus answering any calls. We also use it to play music to our speaker so they can have a dance which they all love. The phone is password protected.

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

Borrowed Clothing

Please return any clothing you've borrowed from Woodentops. We're getting a bit short. Thank 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.

Entrance to Woodentops

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. Please make sure anyone picking up your child knows too.

Thank you.

Toys from home

We prefer not to have toys come from home- we're always worried about losing them. If children want to show us their toys, they can and then we will put them in their bag so they are safe.

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

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