

Woodentops Preschool

Posts on Facebook and Instagram

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

April 2022

Hello Everyone

We hope you've all had a lovely Easter holiday. Just to remind you this term finishes on the 20th July with our last full day being the 19th July. Our half term is the 30th May to 5th June, returning to preschool on the 6th June.

Childrens Clothes

Please **Name** all your children's belongings including shoes, bottles and lunchboxes!!! 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.

Schools visiting

Potton Lower have arranged to come in on the 14th and 15th June, and we are doing a stay and play session at Potton Lower on the 24th June. Potton Lower Parents will need to meet us at Potton Lower at 9.30 and pick their children up at 11.30. 4 of our staff will be at the school.

Gamlingay, Wrestlingworth, Everton and Sutton schools have all been contacted, we're just waiting for them to get back to us.

30-hour Code.

Please renew your child's 30 hour code. It should be done by 31/8/22. If it's not renewed you will lose the funding for the next term. If your child is turning 3 before 31st August 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 fees.

From September the funded session fees will be £3.50 for a 3-hour session and £7 for a 6-hour session for funded sessions. Funded sessions are 9 to 3pm, 9 to 12pm or 1pm to 4pm.

Hourly Fees

From September our hourly fee will be £6.50 per hour. This is the fee for non-funded hours.

Important Dates

20th April 22- Summer Term starts

11th May- Parents stay & play

16th May- Parents stay & play

25th May- Bags2sch collection

30th May to 3rd June- Half Term.

14th & 15th June- PLS visiting

17th June- celebrating fathers day.

24th June- PLS stay and play visit

20th July- Last day of term from **9.30 to 12pm only-** We have

Widdershin's Theatre coming in.

Next Year's Term Dates 2022 to 2023

We return to preschool on 5th Sept 22

5th Sept to 17th Dec- Autumn term

24th Oct to 28th Oct -Half Term

4th Jan 2023 to 31st March-Spring term

17th April 2022 to 19th July 2023

The Famly App

All Parents should have been sent a login to the Famly App- if you haven't had it, please tell Jackie and she can sort out a log in for you.

On the App we are logging our accidents, incidents, messaging parents and children's attendance through it.

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

Staff Update

Amy- went on maternity leave in Sept and had her little one in October. She has decided not to

return to Woodentops in September. We wish her all the best.

Chloe- is due to go off on maternity leave in June and is hoping to return to Woodentops in 2023.

Michelle- is looking at doing some Forest school training to support her gardening plans. The children really benefit from Michelle's knowledge.

Maria- Since January, Maria has been doing a Professional Development Course covering Communication and Language, Maths and Personal and Social Development.

Curiosity Approach-Kathryn has now submitted our paperwork to get the accreditation, and we have a few areas to tweak.

Impact- Karen has led our Woodentops team through the Impact accreditation which has now been submitted.

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.

Parents stay and Play

We have planned 2 stay and play sessions where you can come and join your child for an hour, look at their folder and chat to their keyworker. If you are unable to attend either of these days we can try to arrange an alternative time.

Lunches

Please provide water to drink in their lunch, no fruit juices, milk shakes or smoothies. Children can have a chocolate biscuit but please avoid sweets, nuts or Nutella. Grapes and tomatoes need to be cut in half lengthways. Please make sure your children can open their lunchbox contents, we support them but encourage them to open their food items themselves.

Raffle

Thank you so much for your support, the money raised enabled us to buy the literacy shed for the garden and a cover to keep it dry.

Mud Kitchen

A huge thank you to Carlton and Mitchell Avison from Avison Autos for donating a mud kitchen to us. The last one fell apart at Christmas.

Our Woodentops Animals

Rainbow- our Dwarf hamster, loves being with the children, she always wakes up for snack time. Her favourite foods are grapes, apple and cheese.

Tadpoles- are growing fast and enjoying cooked spinach. We are looking forward to them becoming frogs. They have been on holiday at Jackie's and are now back in our small garden, next to our bug hotel.

Caterpillars- We have 5 caterpillars due to arrive around 25th April. We are hoping they will grow into Red Admiral Butterflies.

Illness

Sickness and Diarrhoea - Just a reminder that children must remain at home until 48 hours have passed since the last episode of diarrhoea and/or vomiting.

Covid- Please keep your child at home if they have tested positive for covid for 3 days after the test day.

Calpol/Nurofen Medicines- Please do not send your children in if they have been given any of these medications. If they need them to function, they are not well enough to attend preschool.

Hepatitis- we have been warned that hepatitis is on the increase with younger children. symptoms include: dark urine; pale, grey-coloured poo; itchy skin; yellowing of the eyes and skin (jaundice); muscle and joint pain; a high temperature; feeling and being sick; feeling unusually tired all the time; loss of appetite; tummy pain. **Please take them to the doctor if they have any of these symptoms.**

Updating records

Please make sure we have up to date records for your child- address, mobile numbers including for emergency contacts, plus any medical conditions or new medication. This ensures we can give your child our best care.

Safari Stu

Safari Stu was really impressed with all the children at our party. They asked lots of questions, were very gentle and nearly all the children touched the animals. We're so very proud of how well they did.

Sing and Sign- Jules continues to come in on an alternate Monday and Wednesday mornings.

Barns Fitness- Steph is coming doing alternate Tuesday and Thursday afternoons.

Father's day

We will be inviting your child's special adult in to celebrate Fathers day. There will be breakfast and some activities.

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