

New Little Doves Phone
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contacts and use this for
all future correspondence



Please pay any invoices
as soon as possible.

PLEASE REMEMBER pick up
time is 2.45pm at the latest.

Newsletter November 2022

Any raffle prizes
gratefully received

Break in and Closure

We are so very sorry for the inconvenience caused by the break in. This has been a very stressful time for us all 😞. Ofsted and Essex County Council were aware of the situation. Thank you all for being patient.



We need nativity costumes

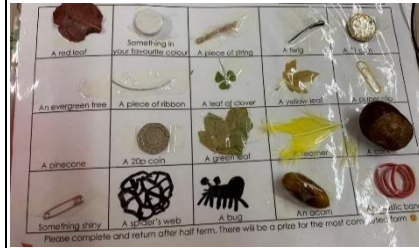
If anyone has any spare costumes please donate/loan them to us - we have a very large group this year. We need some more sheep, stars and a camel please. Please look in charity shops...

January 2023 & Sept 23 sessions

As you know we are very full. Please make sure we have the correct hours for your child and we know about any siblings for the waiting list! We are now booking for Sept 24!

Treasure Hunt

I am delighted and overwhelmed with the response this year.



Thank you for helping your children to achieve and enjoy Autumn time.

This is also a small fundraiser for Little Doves so thank you to those who gave money on their forms. All children who took part will receive a

chocolate gold coin and a certificate 😊

Dates for your diary for this term

Friday 9th December 11.30am – Nativity. All children invited. Tickets available soon.

Time to Party!

Tuesday 13th Dec – Party day with Sophisticated Entertainment party. If it is not your child's usual day arrive at 10am and collect your child at 12.30pm. (Santa will be visiting and party food is included).



Last day of term is Wednesday 14th Dec and is a Wonky Wednesday. It is a normal morning for those requiring preschool. Collect your child at 11.30am with a costume to go to St Pauls church for a short Christmas service. Refreshments will be served in the church centre after the service at 12.00pm.

Reception admissions for academic year September 2023

The primary school (Reception) admission round opened on Mon 7 Nov 2022, for parents of children to apply for a Reception school place for the academic year that starts in Sept 2023.

The statutory national closing date for applications is 15 January 2023.

Applications can be made online via www.essex.gov.uk/admissions.

All of the application information is available on the website above. The website www.essex.gov.uk/admissions also has a copy of the Primary Education in Essex 2023-24 booklet and the Schools Admissions Policies Directories contain details of all admission policies.

Little Urchins Photographs

Thank you for any completed orders. We believe a late order can still be made if required. This is a fundraiser for Little Doves as we get commission on any photographs sold 😊

Spring Term 2023

Spring term starts on: **Thursday 5th Jan**
Half term: **Mon 13th Feb to Fri 17th Feb**
Spring term finishes: **Friday 31st March**
Please let Pam know if you have any holidays booked.

Suitable footwear

Please can you bring your child into pre-school WEARING 'preschool' shoes.

Suitable shoes are trainers, plimsols or doodles. Please think & watch where your child's shoes have been - the floor is a play area and children often touch the floor and so it can be a source for germs

Shining Stars Football

Remember to return the trophies each week to pass on to the next superstar.

Packed Lunches

NO peanut butter or nut related spreads such as Nutella or almond pastes.

As are most settings, we are a nut free preschool. We do have a lot of children with allergies.

PLEASE REMEMBER to slice cucumber, tomatoes and grapes lengthways and in quarters to prevent choking.



Voluntary Donations

A big, big thank you to all those who continue to pay their voluntary donations - these donations hugely help with our day to day running costs. For those who are not able to donate, please could you consider providing us with some of the items we spend the consumables donations on. Maybe you can use the "2 for 3" or "buy 1 get 1 free" offers and donate the extra item to us.

We need: Handwash. Kitchen rolls. Toilet rolls. Washing up liquid. Plain flour. Salt. Wet wipes. Nappies. Bin liners. Play sand. Zoflora disinfectant. Antibac spray.

Very Important

You MUST let us know if anyone different is picking up your child. Please fill in the correct collection form and tell whoever is on the door who will put it in the Sign-in register. Also remember to tell the person collecting the 'password'.

Facebook

Remember to log in to our closed Facebook page to see photos of what the children have been doing. If you are not a member, please send a friend request to "Friends of Little Doves".

We are using this lots to convey information to parents /carers

Children born between 1st April and 31st Aug will be funded in Sept. Children born between 1st Sept and 31st Dec are funded in Jan. **30 hour Extended Funding** - parents please apply **NOW** if you want to claim from January 2023. To those paying childcare, please check with **CHILDCARE CHOICES WEBSITE** to see if you are eligible to any tax benefits.

Newly funded children MUST bring in a copy of their birth certificate & proof of address to show Pam.

Important - Pam needs to see your child's red book for immunisations. **We encourage you to take up the offer of the flu spray for your child.**

Lots of Little Doves T-shirts/Polo shirts in stock: T-shirt £7.50, Polo shirt £10.50 Sweatshirt £11 – see Pam

Please NO toys from home

Please remember to label your child's belongings, coats, cups, wellies etc!!!

Illnesses and Covid19

Please tell us if you or your family are showing any Covid19 signs and need to isolate.

If your child is sick or has diarrhoea, they need to be 48 hours clear from the last episode before returning to Little Doves.

With love & prayers, Pam & the Little Doves team