



Wreaths made by  
the children for  
Remembrance  
Day at St Thomas'  
church



Please have a look at our website  
[www.littledovescp.org.uk](http://www.littledovescp.org.uk)  
It has lots of information and all  
the relevant policies and  
procedures on 'About – Policies'

## Newsletter November 2024

### A big 'Thank you' to all the families of Little Doves



Our shoeboxes were added to St Paul's church and together we collected over 110 boxes – a record!

We gave 23.9kg of items through our harvest donations to Brentwood Foodbank

We also raised £40 for the spina bifida charity Shine, £55 for Children in Need and £55 for Breakthrough T1D – well done!! 😊



Reception class applications are now open. Closing date Wed 15th Jan 2025 – don't forget to submit your SIF forms!



Please pay for the uniform you have ordered as soon as possible  
Please pay your invoices

**Friday 13th December**

**Little Doves Christian Pre School**

**CHRISTMAS PARTY & NATIVITY**

**TICKET PRICE £2.50**

**2 TICKETS PER FAMILY**

**9.15am** - Doors open to normal friday children

**10.15am** - Doors open to all other children

**9.20-10.20am** - Football Rob & Christmas Activities

**11.00am** - Party Food

**11.45am** - Dress Children ready for Nativity

**12.00pm** - Collection of Children not doing Nativity

**12.15pm** - Parents arrive

**12.20-12.45pm** - Nativity

**1pm** - All children and parents to go home



**LUNCHBOXES**  
Healthy lunches please  
- small portion of crisps  
and only 1 sweet treat.  
Watch salt content.

Please slice cucumber, tomatoes & grapes lengthways & in quarters to prevent choking!! Ice blocks are a good idea too 😊

### easyfundraising

Please support us by using the 'easyfundraising' website to do your online shopping. Click on the link [here](#) to go to easyfundraising website.

- Create an account – select Little Doves
- Search for eligible online retailers
- Click "shop now" to take you to the retailer's website
- Make your purchase as usual

**We have just received £158.53 for using this!!**



Children born between 1<sup>st</sup> Sept and 31<sup>st</sup> Dec are funded in Jan. **30 hour Extended Funding** - parents please apply **NOW** if you want to claim from **Jan 2025**

### January 2025 sessions

Please make sure we have the correct hours for your child especially if they are newly funded

**PLEASE REMEMBER TO LABEL ALL YOUR CHILD'S BELONGINGS; COATS, BAGS, DRINK BOTTLES, LUNCHES, WELLIES etc!**

### Illnesses

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

Please trim and file your child's nails as sharp edges can hurt

### Suitable footwear - important

Please bring your child into pre-school WEARING 'pre-school' shoes - trainers or plimsols. Please, no shoes with hard soles as they can hurt other children and staff if accidentally kicked or stood on

Please let Pam know if you have any holidays or appointments booked



**STRICT NO NUT POLICY** in packed lunches for children & staff. **NO** peanut butter or nut related spreads such as Nutella or almond pastes. We have several children with **SEVERE ALLERGIES**



**No TOYS from home please**



Our meerkats are out on their travels, please look out for them

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### Funding for eligible working parents of 2 year olds

The following website gives details on what entitlements parents may be able to receive:

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

Parents can apply for the entitlements via the following link

<https://www.gov.uk/apply-free-childcare-if-youre-working>



### 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'

### Dates for your diary 2024-25

Autumn term finishes: **Fri 13<sup>th</sup> Dec 1pm**  
Spring term starts: **Tuesday 7<sup>th</sup> January**  
Half term: **Mon 17<sup>th</sup> – Fri 21<sup>st</sup> February**  
LD Online Quiz night: **Friday 21<sup>st</sup> Feb**  
Spring term finishes: **Friday 28<sup>th</sup> March**

### Wonky Wednesdays

We open at **9am** and finish at **12 noon**.  
Last one this term **December 11<sup>th</sup>**

Please donate the extra item to us from "2 for 3" or "buy 1 get 1 free" offers. We need: handwash, kitchen rolls, wet wipes, tissues, bin liners, play sand, Zoflora disinfectant, anti-bac spray

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**Little Doves telephone no 07756 029105**

**PLEASE REMEMBER our latest pickup time is 2.45pm**

**With love & prayers, Pam & the Little Doves team**

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