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www.littledovescp.org.uk
It has lots of information and all the relevant policies and procedures on 'About – Policies'

Newsletter September 2024

Welcome back!

It has been lovely to welcome you all back and to see how much the children have changed since July!! And a very warm welcome to all the new children, parents and carers. Everyone is settling in very nicely and we are looking forward to all we have planned for this term.

We say a big thank you and goodbye to Esme and Yoyo, wishing them all the best for their future careers. We will be welcoming a new keyperson member of staff, Jenna, in October – please look out for her.

Our topic for this half-term is "All about me" - please send in a named family photo.

Pre-school Gruffalo Trip Friday 25th October – details to follow.



Harvest Time Activities

During this half term, the children will be learning all about different harvest events. Please bring in any harvest donations you would like to give btm 1st Oct and 11th Oct.

All donations will go to Brentwood Foodbank.

Suitable footwear - important

Please bring your child into pre-school **WEARING** 'pre-school' shoes - trainers or plimsols. No sliders, crocs or high heels – they have no support and slip!! Please think & watch where your child's shoes have been - the floor is a play area and children often touch the floor so it can be a source for germs.

Wonky Wednesdays

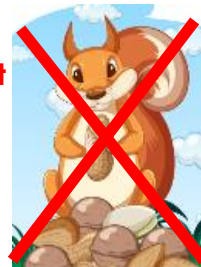
We open at **9am** and finish at **12 noon**.

Dates this term are **October 9th**,
November 13th, **December 11th**.

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

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.



Easy Fundraising

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



Saturday 28th Sept

7pm – 11pm
Navestock
Village Hall

BUY TICKETS NOW

Family (2+2) £25
Adult £10

Children (under12) £5

Contact Sarah on

07592621097 or
Pam on 07743 916930

Photographer

Coming soon. This is available for all children and siblings.
More details to follow.

January 2025 sessions

As you know we are very full. Please make sure we have the correct hours for your child.



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

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Children born between 1st April and 31st Aug are 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 **Jan 2025**. 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

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>

Key person visits

If you would like to see your key person or your child's folder, please let Pam know and we can arrange an appointment.

Infant Schools for Sept 2025

Many infant schools will be starting tours for you to view their schools. Look up their criteria on their website and make sure you are complying. Church schools usually want a minimum of one to two years church attendance prior to application.

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

Voluntary donations

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

**Little Doves T-shirts/Polo shirts available to order. See Pam.
T-shirt £7.50, Polo shirt £10.50
Sweatshirt £11, Iron on badges £2**



Please let Pam know if you have any holidays booked.



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'.

PLEASE REMEMBER our latest pickup time is 2.45pm. Our times have not changed even though some schools have. We must have left the hall by 3pm. Other users come into the hall after us and the staff have to collect their own children from school too. Please do not leave it until the last minute to pick up your child. We may have to start charging for persistent late pickups

Dates for your diary 2024

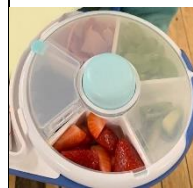
Little Doves AGM **Tuesday 1st Oct** (time tbc)

Pre-school Gruffalo Trip: **Fri 25th Oct**

Half term: **Mon 28th Oct to Fri 1st Nov**

Autumn term finishes: **Fri 13th Dec 12.30pm**

Spring term starts: **Tuesday 7th January**



**PLEASE REMEMBER to slice cucumber, tomatoes & grapes lengthways & in quarters to prevent choking!!
No TOYS from home please.**

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With love & prayers, Pam & the Little Doves team

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