

Putnoe Woods Preschool



Newsletter April / May 2017

Dear Parents,

Welcome back to the new summer term.

We would like to welcome Yasmin and Maria to the Putnoe Woods team. Yasmin will be working in the Buttercups room and you will find Maria in the Preschool room from May.

There have also been a few staff changes so Amber will now be in Buttercups and Abbey and Sandra will be in the preschool room. We wish everyone luck in their new roles!

Kind Regards, The Team at Putnoe Woods.



Sun cream and sun hats

Please supply your child with named sun cream and sunhat this term. Children must come to preschool with sun cream already applied on sunny days. We will reapply as necessary through the day.

Going to 'Big School'.....



The summer term may be the last with us for some of you.

Please tell us by the end of the month which school child is going to. This allows us to pass on your child's form and help the transition to be as smooth as possible.

Thank you

Summer Term Dates 2017

Wednesday 19th April 2017 - Friday 21st July 2017

HALF TERM

Monday 29th May - Friday 2nd June 2017

We are open half term week for our all year children only

We are then open for all year children only and holiday care from

Monday 24th July - Friday 28th July & Monday 14th Aug - Friday 1st September 2017

(please see the office if you wish to book additional child care for these weeks)

Any school leavers with us through August will finish on THURSDAY 31st AUG

Closure dates

Pre-school will be CLOSED to ALL

Bank Holiday's: Monday 1st May 2017 & Monday 29th May

July 31st - 11th August 2017. Reopens Monday 14th August 2017



Childcare Choices

You can now find a straightforward explanation of all government childcare support on the new Childcare choices website: www.childcarechoices.gov.uk

Childcare Choices brings all the government childcare offers together for the first time, providing a simple way of seeing which schemes are available, with easy next steps to where you can find out more. Using the website's Childcare Calculator, you can quickly find out which of the offers are available to you and choose what works best for your family: www.gov.uk/childcare-calculator

What is available through the childcare service?

Tax-Free Childcare

Tax Free Childcare is an online payment account, topped up by the Government, which parents use solely to pay their childcare costs. For every £8 that families pay in, the Government will make a top-up payment of £2, up to a maximum of £2,000 per child per year (or £4,000 for disabled children).

Tax-Free Childcare will be available for children under 12 years old (under 17 years old for disabled children) and can be used to contribute towards nursery, childminder and after-school care. To be eligible, parents must be in work (including self-employment) and each earning at least £120 per week and not more than £100,000 per year. The offer will be introduced to parents with the youngest children first and gradually rolled out so that all parents will be able to apply by the end of 2017. Childcare providers must have signed up to be able to receive payments from Tax-Free

Childcare. Parents can check which providers in their area are ready, using the childcare

provider checker: www.childcare-provider-checker.tax.service.gov.uk

30 hours' free childcare

30 hours' childcare for three and four year olds will be available in England from September 2017. This doubles the existing 15 hours currently available and could save working families up to £5,000 a year. Parents will be able to check their eligibility now using the online childcare calculator www.gov.uk/childcare-calculator and, if eligible, submit an online application ahead of September. Once signed up, parents will receive an eligibility code to take to their childcare provider. Childcare providers will then check the code with their local authority. If eligible, parents can book their 30 hours' place.



iConnect & Parentzone

Did you know you can send us photos and comments from home that we can then link to your child's file?

Here is how to do it.....

Click on the '**Add**' button at the top of the screen. This will then take you to a page where you can add photos or videos and write a little something about what you were doing.

You can **choose** one or more of your children on the left, adding as many photos or videos as you would like. Save your moment and it will save to a '**draft**' folder, which you can access via the top tab. This will allow you to come back to your comment or photo and make any last edits before previewing and pushing the '**send to nursery**' button. We'll then get your moment at the nursery and can upload it to your child's timeline!

Note: your moments will remain in drafts until you send them to us, so remember to go to the drafts tab and send them on!



Future Events

ABC Photography Day - Friday 5th May

Father's Day Breakfast - Monday 19th June

Kidsclub video - Thursday 22nd & Friday 23rd June

Sports Day - Wednesday 21st June

Leavers Graduation - Wednesday 19th July

Ollie's Sports Club

3&4 year olds only

We are delighted to offer a sports holiday club during the week of 24th - 28th July between 9.30 - 12.30

More details and information on how you can book will follow shortly





Session changes

We are currently extremely busy so have very few sessions available if you wish to book extras or changes. Please contact the office as soon as soon as possible should you wish to make any changes or bookings and we will do our best to accommodate you.

Holidays

Please let us know if you are going off on holiday during the term. It helps with planning if we know you are off!

Thank you

Sainsbury's Active Kids Vouchers!

We are collecting them! Please ask all friends and relatives to pass them on and post them into our collection box by the front door.



A few gentle reminders...

1. The use of mobile phones is NOT permitted within the preschool environment
2. If your child has had a bout of diarrhoea OR sickness, they must remain at home for 48 hours after their last bout
3. We are a NUT FREE preschool, please do not use Nutella or any type of peanut or peanut product in packed lunches
4. Please LABEL your child's belongings
5. Please ensure preschool fees are paid on time
6. Please only use the disabled parking bays if you are a blue badge holder