



Dear Parents,

Welcome back, we hope you all had a lovely half-term break.

Please bring in named wellies for your child (if you haven't already done so), as we love going on walks & jumping in puddles.

There's lots of lovely things happening this half-term, don't forget to check our Facebook page for updates on events. If you could spare a few minutes to leave a review for us, we would be very grateful!

Kind Regards, The Putnoe Woods team

FORTHCOMING EVENTS:

World Book Day -Thursday 5th March

Bring a story to share with your friends

Mother's Day Breakfast -Thursday 19th March 8-10am

Please come and join your child for a little breakfast treat

Easter Craft Day -Tuesday 31st March

Please pop along and join your child in an Easter Crafty Activity!

9.30-11.00am Or 12.30-2.00pm

You are welcome to come along even if this is not your child's normal day

Easter Bonnet Competition -prizes to be won!

A chance for your little ones to get creative! All bonnets will need to be in
Preschool by Wednesday 1st April



We are currently very busy so please request additional sessions or booking changes as soon as possible. We will do our best to accommodate you but sometimes it may not be possible.

If you would like to increase or change sessions from September, please inform the office as soon as possible as we only have limited availability for September.

Parentzone Updates

We had many comments about Parentzone in our recent survey.

Most of you enjoy receiving the updates but would like more of them! This is a tricky one because every time we pick up a tablet to enter updates, we are not interacting with your child. The time taken and number of updates you receive from us will totally depend on how busy the staff are, so please be patient with us!

Aside from updates on nappy changes, sleep times and meals, we will usually only create an observation or a moment when the team have captured something special which they want to share and track against your child's development.

Sometimes you will receive notifications a few days after the observation was created by preschool. This is because our staff have designated time away from the children to complete their observations. In most cases, these observations will then be moderated and published by the Room Leaders, at a later date, which causes a delay in you receiving them on your timeline.

We understand that you would like an instant updates but at least this way you can be sure that you will receive the polished observation and you can rest assured that the staff are putting your children before the paperwork or spending time tapping on tablets.



STARTING SCHOOL

If your child is leaving us for big school this September, please let us know which school they are going to. This allows us to send on their report and also helps us when talking to your child about this next big step in their lives!

SESSION TIMES

Please try and stick to your agreed start and finish times. More and more parents are turning up very early for their sessions or picking up late. We have strict ratios we must adhere to so if you arrive early we may not be able to let you in. Arriving early or late also disrupts our sessions and you may be charged.

30 HOUR FUNDING

If you work you may be entitled to 30 hours funded Childcare which could be worth up to £120 a week!

Please apply on line at: www.childcarechoices.gov.uk

If your application is successful, the preschool will need:

1. The DERN code (11-digit code)
2. Full name and NI numbers of the parents in the application for funding
3. A sentence agreeing to allow us to verify the code - without this the funding will not be released.
4. If you wish to add hours to your current booking we will need these. We are very full for the rest of the year; additional requests will be on a first come first serve basis

YOU will need to renew your code each term. The preschool is unable to do this for you.

If your code becomes invalid you will be responsible for paying any additional fees. One months' notice is required if you wish to reduce hours.



BIRTHDAYS

We kindly request that sweets & cakes are no longer brought in to share when celebrating your child's birthday. We have several children with specific dietary requirements and allergies. We also encourage healthy eating and reduce sugar intake where possible, to help prevent tooth decay. Please see the link below for more information.

<https://www.gosh.nhs.uk/conditions-and-treatments/general-medical-conditions/tooth-decay>

Whilst it is certainly not an expectation, if parents choose to bring something to share as part of birthday celebrations then fruit, crayons or stickers would be great alternatives.

Also, due to Data Protection we are unable to give out lists of children's names for birthday invitations.

Thank you for your co-operation

Term dates

SPRING TERM

Monday 6th January 2020 - Friday 14th February 2020

Half Term - 17th - 21st February 2020

Monday 24th February 2020 - Friday 3rd April 2020

SUMMER TERM

Wednesday 22nd April 2020 - Friday 22nd May 2020 (CLOSED BANK HOLIDAY Friday 8th MAY 2020)

Half Term - 25th - 29th May 2020

Monday 1st June 2020 - Friday 17th July 2020

If you have a funded children you wish to attend outside of these days you will need to book and pay for those hours

47 WEEK CONTRACTED CHILDREN - we are closed for the following weeks

EASTER 10th April 2020 - 17th April 2020. Reopen Monday 20th April 2020

SUMMER 3rd August 2020 - 14th August 2020. Reopen Monday 17th August 2020