



Dear Parents,

Welcome back to the brand-new term. We hope you had a lovely break over the summer and enjoyed to sunshine we had.

We have had a number of new starters over the coming weeks but so far, they are all settling in nicely and coping well with the new experience of preschool. If any parents are concerned about how their child is settling in, please speak to your child's keyworker who can provide you with advice and reassurance.

We also welcome Caroline and Sarah to our Putnoe Woods team. Caroline is our lead SEN officer who you will find in our Buttercups room and Sarah will be with the Bluebell team.

Kind Regards, The Staff at Putnoe Woods.

### Car Parking

A large number of parents are parking in the disabled car parking spaces. These are for **BLUE BADGE HOLDERS ONLY**.

We have a large car park available in front of the hedge. For the safety of our children please park here and walk your child along the path into preschool.

### Term / Holiday Dates

Monday 4th September 2017 - Friday 20th October 2017

**Half Term - 23rd - 27th October 2017**

Monday 30th October 2017 - Friday 15th December 2017

**Closed to ALL from Wednesday 20th December 2017 - Monday 1st January 2018.**

Reopen on Tuesday 2nd Jan 2018 for all year children only

**New Term starts on Wednesday 4<sup>th</sup> January 2018**



### Help us to Raise Funds without it costing you a penny!

Did you know that whenever you buy anything online - from your weekly shop to your annual holiday - you could be collecting free donations for Putnoe Woods preschool?

There are over 3,000 shops and sites on board ready to make a donation, including Amazon, John Lewis, Aviva, thetrainline and Sainsbury's - it doesn't cost you a penny extra!

It's as easy as 1, 2, 3...

1. Head to <https://www.easyfundraising.org.uk/causes/putnoewoodspreschool/> and join for free.
2. Every time you shop online, go to easyfundraising first to find the site you want and start shopping.
3. After you've checked out, that retailer will make a donation to your good cause for no extra cost whatsoever!

There are no catches or hidden charges and Putnoe Woods Preschool will be really grateful for your donations.

Thank you for your support.

### 30 Hours Funded Childcare

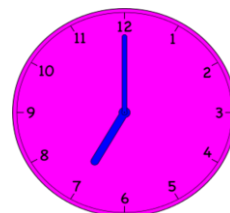
If you are eligible for 30 hours funded childcare it is your responsibility to renew your application every 3 months to ensure you still get your funding. HMRC will send you a prompt, the preschool will NOT. IF your code becomes invalid you will be responsible for paying any additional fees. One months' notice is required if you wish to reduce hours.

If you have a child turning 3 this term and you think you may be eligible for 30-hour funding from January 2018. Please apply NOW for funding next term at [www.childcarechoices.gov.uk](http://www.childcarechoices.gov.uk)

### Session Times

Please stick to your agreed session times. Bringing children in early may result in a charge for extra hours and arriving early for pick up can create confusion and disruption for children.

Getting used to being on time now will help your child when they start school.





### Focus on Policy....Fees

Please ensure that fees are paid on time, at the start of the month.

All fees must be paid in advance of the childcare received.

Our current fees are:

Age 3-4	One hour		£4.30
	3-hour session		£12.90
	8am - 6pm	Includes breakfast and cooked tea	£43.00
Age 1 & 2	One hour		£5.00
	3-hour session		£15.00
	All day 8am - 6pm	Includes breakfast and cooked tea	£47.50
Under 1	One hour		£5.50
	3-hour session		£16.50
	All day 8am-6pm	Includes breakfast, lunch and cooked tea	£55.00

Late Pick up fee (unarranged) £5.00 per 15 minutes

#### Important points to note!

- Any funding you are entitled to will be deducted from your fees.
- The prices DO Not change on the child's birthday. In line with the local authority, they change from the term following the birthday.
- All permanent session changes require 1 months' notice. If you receive grant funding, we may not be able to make any changes until the new term.
- If you decide to 'stretch' funding this is fixed. You cannot share 'stretched' 15 hour funding with another setting.

#### Payment can be made in the following ways:

- Cash - please place in a named envelope with the amount clearly marked.
- Cheque - made payable to 'Putnoe Woods Preschool'
- BACS - please put your child name as reference Sort code:60-02-13 Account:63154641
- Childcare vouchers - please see website for a full list of providers



**A few gentle reminders...**

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

**Forthcoming Events...**

**MacMillan Coffee Morning**

Wednesday 27<sup>th</sup> September from 9.00 am in the Rugby Club next door

We need cake makers and cake eaters to join us to help raise money for this fabulous cause!

**ABC Photography**

Friday 13<sup>th</sup> October all day

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Saturday 14<sup>th</sup> October 9.30-11.30am

*Please book a 15-minute slot with the office for Saturday*

**Hug A Bear Day**

Tuesday 7<sup>th</sup> November

Please come to preschool wearing your pj's (only if you want to) and bring your teddy bear along to join us for a teddy bears picnic.