



Dear Parents,

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

There have been lots of goodbyes over the last few weeks with many children going off to big school. We are also saying goodbye to some of the woods team. Darcey, who helped our little ones over tea time has gone off to University. We wish her much luck with her studies and wish her well. Daniella, our preschool cook has gained a new role in a different industry. We will certainly miss her brilliant sense of humour and cakes. We wish her all the best in her new career.

Finally, we sadly say farewell to Ann who has been our business and finance manager for the last ten years. Ann has been a driving force in creating the busy, successful and lovely preschool we are today. She has guided us safely through a relocation, a rebrand and most recently a kitchen refit! We cannot thank Ann enough for the dedication and commitment she has given to Putnoe Woods over the last ten years. Ann will be spending her new-found free time travelling with her husband - she most definitely IS NOT retiring!

Lucy will be taking over the role of business and finance manager. She has worked closely with Ann in the office over the last two years and is looking forward to the new challenge. Nikki will be joining Lucy in the office as our new administration assistant. Nikki is familiar with the preschool and we are very much looking forward to her joining us.

We also say hello to Ayesha who is joining as our new cook. We know first-hand that she makes yummy dinners and great cakes! Isobel, Alex and Alisha will also be joining us providing tea time support and care.

We wish everyone well in their new roles.

Kind Regards, The Staff at Putnoe Woods.

We warmly welcome all our new families

We have many new children joining us over the coming weeks. 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.



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 donate, including Amazon, John Lewis, Aviva, the trainline 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 donate 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 2019. Please apply NOW for funding next term at 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.





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
- DO NOT bring pushchairs and prams into the preschool. We simply don't have the room. Please leave them under the bike shed

NO WATER BOTTLES PLEASE

In the interest of hygiene and giving parents one less thing to think about... You no longer need to bring in a water bottle for your child. We are finding that they often get left behind, taken home by the wrong person and used by other children which can cause unnecessary problems to deal with.

We will provide fresh, clean water all day at our child friendly water station.



October Half Term is 22nd -26th October

If you require additional childcare over the half term week please book it directly with the office. We will be running some lovely little activities for your children to enjoy.



Forthcoming Events...

MacMillan Coffee Morning

Wednesday 26th 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!

Stay and Play

Monday 1st October 9.30-11.30am and 12.30-2.30pm

You are welcome to stay a while and have a play with your child in preschool. This is a particularly nice time for our new families to find out what their child gets up to at preschool but all are welcome even if its not your normal session.

ABC Photography

Friday 12th October all day

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Saturday 13th October 9.30-11.30am

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

Autumn term Dates

1st half - Wednesday 5th September 2018 - Friday 19th October 2018

Half Term - 22nd - 26th October 2018. *Open for all year children only but you can book additional child care with the office*

2nd half - Monday 29th October - Wednesday 19th December

New Spring term - Thursday 3rd January 2019 - Friday 8th February 2019

CLOSED TO ALL 20th December 2018 - 1st January 2019. Reopen on Wednesday 2nd January 2019 for all year children only