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Newsletter April 2018

Dear Parents, Carers and All,

Welcome back to the Summer Term - hopefully we will get some summer!!

You should have all received the news that we have found a new Leader to take over the running of Bradford. We wish Emma well in her new role and look forward to working alongside her. She will be working all 3 days alongside Kerry and Hayley.

Committee Meeting

We have our next committee meeting next Wednesday, 25th April at The Rydon Inn at 7.30pm. As mentioned before we are looking for new members to join the committee and support the successful running of the pre-schools. The committee and staff are a friendly bunch!! Without a committee the pre-schools cannot open so please come along and support us.

Peppa Pig's Muddy Puddles Walk

We are going to be taking part in a sponsored walk with the children, as part of Peppa Pig's Muddy puddles Walk Week, which is organised by and raising money for The Children's Society. We have chosen to do our walks next Wednesday 25th April (apologies for the late notice but the Easter holidays got in the way!!). If your child is not in pre-school on a Wednesday please feel free to bring them along and join us. We would also appreciate any parents who might have a spare hour to come along and walk with us - please speak to a member of staff.

Changes

We are always trying to keep up to date with recommendations within early years; and recently we have been reading about the lack of benefits in focussing on one specific letter at a time (ie our Focus letter). We have therefore decided to change slightly in that we will not be doing a focus letter any more but will continue to look at letter names and sounds throughout our play and ask that you do the same at home. This maybe when you are out and about, pointing out and discussing letters you see on signs, finding letters in stories and playing games such as "can you find something that starts with the sound.....?". You may wish to focus, to begin with, on letters of personal significance - start of their name, siblings name, m for mummy etc.

We need to be recording the actual time that your child arrives and leaves the setting for the purpose of claiming their funded hours so we are going to be putting out a signing in sheet that we will be asking you to fill in as you drop and collect your children. In both settings it will be placed around the main entrance door.

This term

This term is always a busy one with lots going on and hopefully some beautiful weather!!

In the news recently there has been a lot said about young children not having enough access to physical activities. We feel at our pre-schools we do provide quite a lot of physical play. Having said that the children love it when we get out different equipment such as bats and balls, hoops, hurdles, etc., so we have decided to focus this term on "fun and fitness". We will be looking at lots of different sports and sporting events that will be happening, using the spaces around pre-school to practise and develop a variety of skills using a range of equipment. We will also be incorporating health eating into this as well as healthy bodies and growing. If any of you have any equipment, resources or even sports kits that we could borrow it would be much appreciated.

Beach Trip

As we have mentioned before, trips are very difficult due to numbers of children, ratio's and transport, but last summer we had a lovely day together at the beach and wondered if you would all like to do it again this year. It would be relying on as many parents coming along as possible. If you are unable to, then you would need to arrange transport to and from the beach for your child, as we are unable to transport them ourselves anymore. Staff could then be responsible for some children once there, with the support of other parents; however on a trip the ratio is 1 adult to 2 children, therefore this will need to be arranged in advance. If there is not enough parents able to come then we won't be able to do it. There will be a sign-up sheet in pre-school so we can see who can help and then make a decision if it is possible to go or not. The dates we propose would be 27th June or 4th July (due to the tide times these are the best days).

Diary dates

23rd -29th April - Muddy Puddles Week.

25th April - Pre School Committee Meeting

13th June - Pre-school AGM

Any questions please speak to any member of staff.
Bridgerule and Bradford Pre-school Teams