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Newsletter July 2017

Dear Parents, Carers and All,

So here we are nearing the end of the school year, getting ready to send some children onto their next step in education. We therefore take this opportunity to say Goodbye to Mason, Riley, Charlie, Amelia, Harley, Brooke, Jack and Layla at Bridgerule and Wiremu, Stanley, David, Leah and Thomas at Bradford.

We have also welcomed Harlan to Bradford this term.

Reminders

- Please ensure your children come to school with sun hats and apply sun cream before pre-school when necessary. We will then re-apply after lunch. If you don't want your child to have pre-school sun cream, please ensure there is sun cream in your child's bag at all times and inform a member of staff.
- This term's fees should be paid in full by now (unless you have set up a payment plan).
- Please be aware of the times your child is booked into the settings. The time before and after session is precious to the staff team to be able to complete essential paperwork.

News

A huge congratulations to Fee & Alex, on the birth of Matilda, on Father's Day! (18th June), both mother & baby are doing well.

Both pre-schools have loved watching the growth and change of our tiny caterpillars into beautiful butterflies that we released into the pre-school gardens.

The fabulous British weather has kept us on our toes with lots of changes to our plans, courtesy of some very hot weather, resulting in lots of water explorations, followed by some wet weather with more water explorations of a different kind!! Apologies for any wet clothes and shoes, but the children have enjoyed some fantastic learning within all of this.

The last few weeks are going to be full of lots of beach based learning (come on sunshine!!) and the final week will have a focus on 'physical fun' - our version of sports day!!!!

Amongst all this fun we need to fit in key person meetings with the parents of children returning in September. We will discuss dates and times individually.

We will be holding our leavers presentations at both settings - Bradford's will be on Thursday 20th and Bridgerule's on Friday 21st. Keep a look out in setting for more details.

Beach Trip

We are hoping to have a joint pre-school trip to Summerleaze Beach on **Wednesday 12th July** (couldn't get enough helpers for the 5th). This will obviously be weather dependant and we will plan to make a decision by the end of Monday session. We will aim to meet at pre-school first thing and make our way to the beach as soon as possible taking packed lunches with us. If you are going directly to the beach please let a member of staff know.

Other Information

We held our AGM on 28th June. The existing committee officers are staying in post:

Ellie Gliddon	Chair	Lisa Bacon	Secretary
Lisa Kepple	Vice Chair	Steve Gardner	Treasurer

Many thanks to the committee for all their hard work, support & commitment over the last year.

Fees Increases - unfortunately, due to rising statutory wages costs, we have to give notice to you that our fees will have to increase from September. The charge for 2-3 year olds will be **£4.00** & 3+ year olds will be **£4.25**.

Pre-school Uniform - If you would like to order any pre-school uniform ready for September, please speak to a member of staff. You can order t-shirts, jumpers and fleeces.

Fundraising Info

- ❖ **Holsworthy Memorial Hall Coffee Morning** - We raised a grand total of £246. A special thank you to everyone that donated prizes, cakes and also provided help on the day.
- ❖ **Bags 2 School** - Thank you to everyone that donated used clothing, toys, paired shoes. We raised a total of £196 If you didn't get a chance to donate this time, don't worry there is another collection arranged for later on in the year.
- ❖ **Ink cartridges** - We are collecting used ink cartridges in each setting to recycle & raise funds for our pre-schools.
- ❖ **Easy Fundraising** - A very simple way to fundraise for our pre-schools - YOU DON'T HAVE TO DO ANYTHING (just download the app & it will ask you if you want to make a donation whilst you shop). Please follow the link for further information: <https://www.easyfundraising.org.uk/causes/bradfordpreschool/>

Term dates 2017-18

1st Day Back Autumn Term
Autumn Half-Term
Last Day Autumn Term

Bradford

Wednesday 6th September 2017
Mon 23rd - Fri 27th October
Thursday 14th December

Bridgerule

Wednesday 6th September 2017
Mon 23rd - Mon 30th October
Friday 15th December

1st Day Back Spring Term
Spring Half-Term
Last Day Spring Term

Tuesday 9th January 2018
Mon 12th - Fri 16th February
Thursday 29th March

Wednesday 3rd January 2018
Mon 12th - Fri 16th February
Wednesday 28th March

1st Day Back Summer Term
Bank Holiday
Summer Half-Term
St Peters Fair Day
Last Day Summer Term

Tuesday 17th April
n/a
Mon 28th May - Fri 1st June
Wednesday 11th July
Thursday 25th July 2018

Monday 16th April
Monday 7th May
Mon 28th May - Fri 1st June
Wednesday 11th July
Friday 25th Jul 2018

Session Times

Tues, Weds, Thurs - 9am - 3.30pm

Mon, Weds, Fri - 9am - 3pm

Staffing

As you are all aware Claire and Sarah have taken over the leadership of Bradford pre-school since Fee began her maternity leave back in May. Lucy will also be stepping down from her role as assistant at the end of term but will remain on our bank staff. We thank Lucy for all her hard work during her time with us.

Some of you will have met Kerry who is currently on our bank staff and has been working over at Bridgerule recently. In September, Kerry is going to move over to the role of assistant at Bradford. She will be popping into Bradford over the next few weeks to meet the children. To keep changes to a minimum for the children, Claire and Sarah have agreed to remain leading Bradford setting, alongside Bridgerule, until Fee's return from maternity leave. If you have any questions please speak to Claire or Sarah.

We wish you all a fantastic Summer holiday and look forward to welcoming some of you back in September.

Bridgerule and Bradford pre-school Teams