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## Newsletter November 2017

Dear Parents, Carers and All,

Here we are into November, with Christmas creeping closer rapidly and there is lots to get through before the end of term! We have welcomed Archie to Bridgerule this half term and Eden and Charlotte will be starting at Bradford over the next few weeks.

### Children in Need

Next week is Children In Need so we thought we would dress up. As schools are in spots and stripes, we will follow their lead, for a suggested donation of £1 per child to go to Children in need.

### General Info

- Please don't forget coats, hats, etc. and spare changes of clothes for your children.
- Please ensure all invoices are settled by 1<sup>st</sup> December or a payment plan agreed. Remember we are a charity and rely on the fees being paid promptly to ensure the pre-school can keep running smoothly.
- Bridgerule parents please ensure you do not park in the entrance to Lodgeworthy Farm or in the Football Club car park

### Keyperson

We are planning to hold keyperson meetings during the week of December 4<sup>th</sup>. You will receive a slip with your date and time; but if this is not convenient please speak to Claire or Sarah asap. There may be a little waiting around, particularly at Bridgerule, due to the number of families we need to see but please bear with us.



### Bingo

It's that time of the year for our big fundraising Bingo evening. PLEASE support this event, as a lot of hard work goes into organising it and gathering some excellent prizes. It is at Bradford Village Hall on Friday 8<sup>th</sup> December doors open at 7.00pm, eyes down at 7.30pm. Added bonus this year, of a bar serving mulled wine and mince pies. Offers of help for the event would also be appreciated - please speak to Lisa Kepple.

### **Playhouse**

At Bridgerule, we have been lucky enough to purchase a bigger play house for the children as the old one had become too small for the number of children we have in the sessions. The old one is still perfectly usable (with a little TLC and some new Perspex for the windows), so if anyone feels they would be able to use it themselves, please shout and for a donation to the pre-school it can be yours - on a first come first serve basis.

### **Survey**

Thank you to all of you that have taken the time to fill out our survey, with some lovely comments and great ideas. If you still have it, please hand it back to any member of staff at any time - your opinions are valuable. When we have collated all of the information we will be looking at how we can implement some of the things you have suggested.

### **Christmas Events**

Christmas party time!! Unfortunately we are not going to be able to please everyone with the dates for pre-school parties but we have to go with the date that works best. If your child is not usually in on the day of the party, don't panic, they are all able to join us - we have booked in additional staff cover to ensure that we remain within ratios, whilst including all children.

Bridgerule Christmas Party will be on Monday 11<sup>th</sup> December from 1pm-3pm with a visit from Father Christmas at around 2.45pm, so feel free to pop back early to see your child receive their gift.

Bradford Christmas Party will be Wednesday 13<sup>th</sup> December from 12pm, with a bring and share lunch (see notice board nearer the time), and a visit from Father Christmas at 2.30pm, again if you would like to see your child with Father Christmas, feel free to pop back early.

Also on Wednesday 13<sup>th</sup> at Bridgerule, we have organised a taster session with a local dance/drama teacher who has been working in the schools. We are going to see how it works with the children at the taster session, in the hope that we could book a block of sessions for the children to enjoy in the new year.

We will also be doing Christmas jumper days on the last day of term for each setting.

### **Christmas Helpers**

With Christmas in mind we are looking for some helpers! There are various resources we need to get prepared (cut out, laminating, etc.) in order to carry out various activities, which takes a lot of time. We would provide all resources, etc. it's just your time we need. If you are able to help please speak to a member of staff. Please see dates for your diary for info on Christmas parties!!

### **Diary dates**

#### **November**

16<sup>th</sup> Bradford, 17<sup>th</sup> Bridgerule - dress up for Children In Need.

24<sup>th</sup> - Bridgerule FOBS Pamper and Treats evening at Bridgerule Village Hall 7.30pm.

#### **December**

Week of 4<sup>th</sup> - Keyperson meetings - both settings

8<sup>th</sup> - Pre-school Bingo evening at Bradford Village Hall, eyes down 7.30pm.

11<sup>th</sup> - Bridgerule Christmas Party

13<sup>th</sup> - Bradford Christmas Party

13<sup>th</sup> - Dance taster session - Bridgerule

14<sup>th</sup> - End of term for Bradford - Christmas jumper day

15<sup>th</sup> - End of term for Bridgerule - " " "

#### **January**

3<sup>rd</sup> - back to school for Bridgerule

9<sup>th</sup> - back to school for Bradford

24<sup>th</sup> - next committee meeting - new members needed and welcome.

Any questions please speak to any member of staff and here's to enjoying a busy, festive time!!

Bridgerule and Bradford Pre-school Teams