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Newsletter - October 2017

Dear Parents, Carers and All,

Anyone have any idea where this half a term has gone?! Have a great half term break and we will see you at pre-schools after, Tuesday 31st for Bradford and Wednesday 1st for Bridgerule (Non pupil day on the Monday at school)

Firstly, the staff and the committee would like to send a massive thank you to Lisa and Sam Kepple, for volunteering to paint the toilets at Bradford. We all can see what a massive difference it has made. It really does look amazing! THANK YOU X

Our Learning

We have had a really great first half of term doing a wide range of activities. We have really focussed on getting to know each other and adapting to the change in dynamics of the pre-schools, having said goodbye to our school groups and welcoming lots of new children. We have been exploring a variety of activities and experiences trying to get to know likes and dislikes, whilst linking into some learning about our bodies, as well as celebrating harvest time and Diwali. There has been some great social interaction amongst the children, and we feel some great relationships have been built between children and staff, with much confidence being evident in the way they now communicate and settle well.

Clothing

Please ensure that your children have the appropriate clothing in pre-school including wellies, coats and spare clothes. If your child wants to come into pre-school wearing their wellies, please could you bring a pair of shoes in their bag so that we can change into them, as sitting in the book corner isn't very easy or comfortable!!

Safety

Please be aware at both of our settings, when leaving the premises you and your child are entering busy spaces, a car park at Bradford and a busy road at Bridgerule. We, at Pre-school, explain to the children about the importance of staying with their adult upon leaving the premises, please help us by ensuring that your child/ren are with you at all times and are therefore safe.

Survey

You should have all received a survey from your pre-school. We are very aware that it is 'another' piece of paper, but it is part of our requirements to ensure we have good 'partnerships with parents'. We feel that a regular survey on the services we provide is a good, anonymous way of raising any concerns or problems and indeed any positive parts of our service. Those who have already returned the completed survey, thank you, we shall be reading these fully over the half term break and evaluating where necessary. If you haven't already returned it, please do so as soon as possible.

Internet

It was brought to our attention at our last committee meeting, that some of our families are unaware of our Facebook page and our newly updated website. Like us, if you haven't already on Facebook - 'Bradford Pre-School & Bridgerule Early Years'. Check out our website on www.bradfordpreschool.btck.co.uk

Please be aware of our next fund raising event, on Friday 8th December, our Bingo night. Eyes down at 7.30.

Do you know anyone who could donate a raffle prize? Can you help on the night?

Start Times / Pick-Up Times

We would like to remind you that our start time at both preschools is **9am**, we are seeing children arriving early for our **9am** start, this time is essential for last minute checks, preparation and meetings.

Also our pick-up times are **3pm** (and/or **3.30pm** at Bradford). We are consistently seeing children being picked up late, and we cannot get tidied up / ready for the next session until all children have gone. If this keeps happening on a regular basis, we will have to start charging individuals extra session fees for late pick-ups.

Please ensure that you arrive promptly to drop off or collect your child/ren, and please speak to any other regular collectors that drop off or collect on your behalf.

Dates for your diary

Half term (for both settings) 22-29th October

Non pupil day (applicable for Bridgerule only) Monday 30th October *as taken from DCC/school website.

Pre-school BINGO Friday 8th December ***fundraiser organised by our wonderful committee! Always a great night!

End of term (Christmas holiday) Friday 15th December

Return to pre-school (Bridgerule) Wednesday 3rd January 2018

(Bradford) Tuesday 9th January 2018

Next Pre-school committee meeting 24th January 2018- ALL WELCOME

Best wishes,
The Pre School team