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Newsletter October 2016

Dear Parents, Carers and All,

Here we are already into October before we get the first newsletter of the academic year out! A busy few weeks in both settings; welcoming new and old children and settling back into routines.

Thank you to those that came along to our coffee mornings at the end of last term; that were celebrating the fun the children had at forest school and in the pottery sessions through the Chiggy Pig grant that we received. From donations at the events a total of £148 was raised towards pre-school funds.

Also, a big Thank you to Nicola Beer and her family, who recently held the Cider and pasty event at their farm. Again, the weather was great for the event and a lovely time was had by all who attended; and a total of £400 was raised for pre-school funds with £100 also going to Trees for life. Thank you for donations of cakes and raffle/tombola prizes.

At the end of July, we had a "Girly Night", where we raised £99. We also ran a car boot / toy stall at Black Torrington Fun Day, where we raised a further £26.

This coming week is headcount week at pre-school so please ensure all those in receipt of funding sign the forms. Invoices will also be handed out this week which should be paid at the latest by 2nd December, unless a payment plan has been agreed with staff.

Please can we ask that all children bring a coat to pre-school at all times as it does get chilly in the outside areas. Wellies would also be useful as we like to go out splashing in the puddles!! We have a few spare pairs at pre-school but limited sizes!!

We are holding our next committee meeting this week and are always looking for more people to join our committee. If you are interested please speak to a member of staff.

We have had a busy few weeks in the preschools:



Bridgerule News

At Bridgerule Early Years, we have been focusing our learning on 'Our World'. The children enjoyed sharing their talking boxes, at the beginning of term; which started up some great conversations about the fun they all had in the holidays. We have been having lots of discussions about us and our families. Thank you for the family hand prints - we hope you have seen the family trees we created. And now we have asked for pictures of your houses!! Our role play post office has proven to be very popular this week. All of this aids the discussions and learning for your children. This all runs alongside lots of other fun and learning that comes from our observations of their current interests. Please feel free to come and look at the work the children have been doing displayed on the walls. We have welcomed Jack and Rosaleigha to pre-school this term

Bradford News

We have begun the Autumn Term focussing on 'Ourselves'. The children have enjoyed exploring various activities to prompt conversations about our similarities and differences. Including making pizza faces, a giant person made from natural resources and self-portrait pictures. This has then carried on to talking about our families and who lives in our homes.

The children have also shown an interest in insects, looking around the garden with magnifying glasses, digging in the flower beds, matching insects and using their fine motor skills to retrieve hidden insects. We look forward to the rest of the term with our focus being on Autumn/Harvest (and any other shown interests). If anyone is going on a walk, we'd love to see what you can find fallen on the ground.

We give a big welcome to Thomas and Leah who have settled in well



Upcoming Fundraising Events

Bags 2 School - we have another collection on 19th October so please get sorting those cupboards and encourage family and friends too as well. We have plenty of bags in both settings.

Christmas Bingo - Bradford Village Hall 25th November, further details to follow,

We have some regular fundraisers going on throughout the year, which include:

Ink cartridges - We are collecting used ink cartridges in each setting to recycle & raise funds for our pre-schools. Please look at the boxes located in both pre-schools to see which cartridges are able to be recycled.

Easy Fundraising - When shopping online go through this site and register to support Bradford Pre-school, then a percentage of your sales goes to the pre-school, at no extra cost to yourself! We raised £28 from April to June.

Bags 2 School - We have 3 collections during the year, but bags can be gathered at either pre-school at any time.

The committee works hard to plan and organise these events and they are to help keep the pre-schools running. Without fundraising it wouldn't be possible, so please support these events and encourage family and friends to come along too. Donations from yourselves are essential at these events, but also if anyone knows any company/business/individual that would be prepared to donate anything small or large please speak to a member of the committee.

Other Information



Uniform - The uniforms have proven to be very popular particularly with the children and the next delivery will soon be here. Order forms and samples are still available in each setting.

Half-term - We break up for half term on Friday 21st of October (last session is Thursday 20th at Bradford) and return to pre-school on Monday 31st October (Tuesday 1st November at Bradford).

Regards
Pre-school teams