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Newsletter - September 2017

Dear Parents, Carers and All,

Welcome back to all of our families new and old, after our long summer holiday. At Bridgerule we welcome Noah, Aria, Abigail, Oscar, Harry, Georgia, Ethan, Heidi, Samuel and Alfie. We hope you enjoy your time with us.

At Bridgerule with all these new children, this leaves our sessions very full, unless any changes arise throughout the year; there are, however, sessions available at Bradford.

2 year check

As we are sure you are aware, all children attend a clinic with their health visitor for the 2 year check. At pre-school we also have to complete a report as set out by Devon County Council. These reports should be shared with both sets of professionals. We always give you a spare copy of the 2yr check that we do, but ask that you bring in your child's red book for us to see what the health visitor has written, following their review. If you have not done this before (even if their check was a while ago), please pass to a member of staff to take a copy.

Uniform

Children's uniform is available for both settings, burgundy for Bridgerule and red for Bradford, along with the respective logos embroidered. Polo shirts are priced at £6.50, sweatshirts £10.00 and fleeces at £14.00, Examples are available for you to see. An order form is available in each setting, please speak to a member of staff for more information. We will be placing an order at the end of September.

Session times

At our AGM, the committee and staff decided that the session times needed to more defined, to enable the smooth running of sessions for all involved, and to allow for the best use of sessions for everyone. Therefore the session times are now 9.00am-12.00pm, 12.00pm-3.00pm or 9.00am-3.00pm. At Bradford, there is the option of a slightly longer day, finishing at 3.30pm to coincide with the school finishing times, which will be charged accordingly.

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!!

New Contracts and Parent Declaration forms

You may have already received these forms, if not you should receive them very soon. We have renewed the contracts due to many changes within them and making them more relevant to your details and our requirements. Devon County Council have devised the new Parent Declaration Forms, these cover all of the necessary information to claim funding for your child's place within pre-school, including 3-4 year old funding.

Dates for your diary

Pre-School committee meeting Wednesday 20th September 7.30pm, Rydon Inn. **New members are very welcome!**

Half term (for both settings) 22-28th 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

Best wishes,
The Pre School team