



BODIAM PRESCHOOL NEWSLETTER TERM 2 2024

We can't believe that we are already into the third week of this term which unbelievably means only four weeks until we break up for Christmas! This term has already been a busy one, filled with lots of learning and fun. So far, we have celebrated firework night, Diwali and remembrance day, these topics have all been brought up by some of the children sharing their experiences with us and have led to some great activities.

THANK YOU

Thank you so much for making and buying such lovely cakes for our cake sale last term. Together we raised an amazing £140.00 which is going towards purchasing some very needed new chairs for the children. Well done everyone.

SPARE CLOTHES

As the weather is starting to get colder could you please ensure that we have plenty of named, warm spare clothes and it goes without saying, warm coats, hats and gloves. We know socks are tricky as the washing machine seems to eat them, but spare socks are also a must for little feet if it is cold and wet.

JUST IN CASE

We really hope this isn't going to happen this year but dotting the i's and crossing the t's. If by any chance we get a dumping of the cold white stuff and we need to close, we will of course try to let you all know as soon as we can. If you are unsure, our face book page is a good place to look if you have it, or alternatively you can use our email. Fingers crossed it stays in the sky!

PACKED LUNCHES

We know you all know this, but we have to say it because we are proud of being a healthy eating preschool. We are continually impressed by some of the lunches you send in, thank you. If you do get stuck with lunch inspiration then do have a chat with your keyworker, they might have some good ideas. As always please cut cocktail sausages and grapes in half-length ways and tomatoes in half. We have added a link for your information at the end of this newsletter from the food standards agency which shows a list of choking hazards in early years foods.

LATE COLLECTION

A gentle reminder to collect your children on time. We do have a £1 per minute late collection fee and from this term we will be adding this onto your next invoice if you collect late. It is important to pick up on time as we do have strict ratios in place and just one child being picked up late can put us out of ratio. Of course, we do realise that occasionally late collection can't be helped, if this is the case and you have got held up please do let us know.

PYJAMA DAY

We have planned a pyjama day for Wednesday 27th Nov to help Crackerjacks Children's Charity raise a few pennies which will help go towards some much needed equipment for local disabled children. If your child attends on that Wednesday and they would like to wear their pj's all we ask for them to bring in a small donation we can send to Crackerjacks. Even if your child does

not attend on Wednesdays and you would like to donate, please pass onto your keyperson. We are all so excited about coming to work in our pyjamas and onesies and can't wait to see you all in yours.

CHRISTMAS PARTY

Our Christmas party has been booked, so excited! It is on the 20th of December at the Staplecross Club starting at 12.45pm until 3pm. Each child will receive a picnic box for you to fill and bring to the party. The preschool will be closing at 12.30 on the day of the party, if your child usually attends on a Friday afternoon, we do offer alternative afternoon sessions, so they don't miss out, please speak to your keyperson about this. Keep an eye out for your invitations it is going to be lots of fun and everyone is invited.

SPACES

We currently have spaces now for two year olds and children due to start preschool in September. Please spread the word to your friends when you are out and about and tell them to come for a visit. We love showing new families our lovely little preschool and inviting them to join us all. We actually have some flyers if any of you might be happy to circulate them to toddler groups, we would really appreciate this.

DATES FOR YOUR DIARIES

Pyjama Day – Wednesday 27th November
Christmas Party – Friday 20th December
End of term 2 – 20th December
Start of term 3 – 6th January

Thank you as always for all the support we have from you all.

Mel Sadie Suzie Vicki

Link to a list by the food standards agency of choking hazards in early years

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