



## Bodiam Preschool Newsletter-Term 1 2024

We hope you all had a great summer. It has been lovely being back and hearing all about your different adventures. We have a busy term ahead and are looking forward to packing in as much playing and learning as we possibly can.

At the end of each term we send you an update through the “Evidence Me” app. If you are unsure about this, please let us know and one of us will talk you through it. Using the app is a secure way to send photos and is a good way to add your own photos of “Wow” moments as well as adding evidence of your child’s next steps if your keyperson has asked for “help at home”.

### **Hats Coats Wellies**

Yep, I am afraid winter is on its way! Please make sure that especially on the colder days we have appropriate clothing sent in with/on your child. We are a free flow setting which means our door is open and outside is always accessible during all sorts of weather. Lots of changes of clothes are frequently needed, especially if water play is the chosen activity of the day. We do draw the line at swimming in it, but..... A spare carrier bag is a good idea to pop into your bags so we can keep any wet and muddy clothes separate from the clean stuff. Names on all clothes help us to know who owns what, no promises but might just stop Mel from sending your little person home in their friend’s outfits!

### **Lunch boxes**

We have some great healthy lunchboxes coming in, which we love to see, thank you. Most of you do already but don’t forget to cut any foods that are smaller than a two pence piece into quarters. If you think your child may have an allergy, please let us know as soon as possible. We love having our lunches together, it is a great time for us all to socialise and great time for us to promote discussion, communication and language.

### **Cake Sale fundraiser & Pumpkin Party**

*We are trying really hard to fund raise for some new chairs. Our old ones are all breaking or have broken. The best chairs we can find (and would like) are made locally in Robertsbridge by Community Playthings. Each chair is around £90 which is a lot, but are beautifully made and would come with a 15 year guarantee. To help us to raise a bit of money we would like to hold a cake sale at the end of term. We are thinking of incorporating this with a “pumpkin party”. You are all invited to the party, this is also a lovely way to meet other parents and children and to get involved with our “organized chaos”. We will send out more info on this later in the term.*

## Fundraising

We are fully aware that being a small preschool, constantly asking parents to contribute through fund raising events is a little unfair, so, if any of you can think of good fund raisers or know of a local company or any company who might like to make a donation towards this please let us know. Bearing this in mind please spread the word to friends and family that we are registered with easy fundraising which can be accessed by using this link and choosing Bodiam Preschool. <https://www.easyfundraising.org.uk> You can activate the donation reminder which pops up whenever you try to buy from a registered outlet. Costs you nothing, but the preschool benefits. Easy peasey lemon squeezy!

## Key Person & Buddies

Don't forget if you have any questions, queries or concerns please let your keyperson or buddy know. We are here to help and if we can make things easier we will.

## Dates for your diaries

Pumpkin Party & Cake Sale – 25<sup>th</sup> October 2024

Last day of Term 1 – 25<sup>th</sup> October 2024

First Day of Term 2 – 4<sup>th</sup> November 2024

Thank you all for your continued support and allowing us to spend time with your most precious of bundles, we feel so lucky. x

Mel Sadie Suzie Vicki

## \*IMPORTANT INFORMATION

OUR POLICIES <https://www.bodiampreschool.co.uk/our-policies>

FUNDING INFORMATION FOR PARENTS [How to get funded childcare | East Sussex County Council](#)

**The Local authority has asked that we share this with all our families:**

The Childcare Sufficiency Duty report is a legal requirement. It outlines how East Sussex County Council (the Council) plans to secure enough childcare places as far as is reasonably practicable, for parents and carers who are working, studying, or training for employment. The report covers childcare for children from birth to 14 (or up to 18 for disabled children). The feedback from parents and carers will help East Sussex County Council to form the 2025 Childcare Sufficiency Duty Report.

The survey can be completed by clicking the link below and you will need to submit your responses by the 7<sup>th</sup> October.

<https://consultation.eastsussex.gov.uk/childrens-services/copy-of-childcare-sufficiency-duty-parental-survey>