

NEWSLETTER

AUTUMN TERM

5th November 2018



Welcome to our Autumn Term (second half) newsletter and welcome to all our new starters – we hope they enjoy their time with us.

AGM and Pre-school Committee

The Pre-school's Annual General Meeting (AGM) took place on 16th October 2018. It is at the AGM that the new Pre-school committee is formed (without a committee the Pre-school can't operate). Unfortunately, attendance by parents, grandparents and carers (who make up the committee) was lower than anticipated and as a result we are very low on numbers joining the Pre-school's fundraising committee. All parents, grandparents and carers are most welcome to join the committee and become involved in the essential fundraising that the Pre-school relies on for the benefit of all our children. The Pre-school Committee is also looking for a new Secretary so if you would be interested in taking on this essential role, please do let the Pre-school know.

Committee Members:

Chair – Helen Fry

Treasurer – Lee Stork

Secretary – Vacant

Fundraising committee members: Bryony Brock, Clarissa Parkin, Kirsty Moore

Fundraising committee members to be confirmed: Dee Lanning, Roxanne Carey

Pre-school Committee Meeting

The first Pre-school committee meeting will take place on Tuesday 6th November at 7.30pm (meeting to start at 8.00pm) at the White Lion pub in Bridport (use to be Tanners) so if you are interested in joining the Pre-school Committee, please do come along to the first meeting. It is a great way to get involved, find out what's going on and help raise essential funds for your child's Pre-school.

Ashley Wood Studios - Photos

For all those who attended the Ashley Wood Studios photo session last month, the Pre-school have received the photo proofs and you should have received your proofs from the Pre-school staff. If you are not ordering your photos online but via the Pre-school, your completed order form and payment needs to be back to Pre-school by Monday 12th November.

School Admissions 2019

Just a reminder that children starting school in September 2019 can apply for a reception place from September 2018. The application process needs to be completed online on the Dorset For You website - Apply for a School Place. The closing date for starting school applications is 15th January 2019.

Christmas Fayre

The Pre-school Christmas Fayre will take place on Saturday 8th December at Church House, South Street, Bridport from 10.00am to 12 noon. Further information and requests for donations will be made nearer the time.

Christmas Nativity Play



Our nativity play which the older children will be performing will be on Wednesday 19th December at 2.00pm at Holy Trinity Church, Bradpole. If your child is normally in Pre-school on a Wednesday, they will need to be collected at 12.30pm on this day to allow staff time to set up the church for the nativity play.

A letter with further information about the nativity play will go out shortly.

Christmas Parties

The Christmas parties will be held on Friday 21st December at Loders Village Hall. There will be two parties; 10.00am to 12 noon and 1.00pm to 3.00pm. A list will be put up on the Parent Noticeboard nearer the time for you to choose which party time you would prefer. Father Christmas will arrive at 11.30am and 2.30pm and parents are welcome back at these times to see their child receiving their Christmas present from Father Christmas.

End of Term – Thursday 20th December

Please note that we break up for the Christmas holidays on Thursday 20th December (normal time). Our Christmas parties will take place on Friday 21st December (see above).

Website and Facebook Page



Just a reminder that we regularly post information, updates and calendar dates to our website which can be found at www.bradpolepreschool.org.uk. We also have a Facebook page where we post information so please join as it is a good way to keep up to date with events and other things happening at Pre-school.

Bad Weather

In the event of extreme weather conditions, the Pre-school will operate in line with Colfox School procedures. If Colfox School is closed, the Pre-school will be as well. Information will be given out on local radio (Wessex FM) and we will post information on our website www.bradpolepreschool.org.uk and our Facebook page. Before setting out, please ring the Pre-school (01308 456668) if you are not sure. In the event that snow falls while children are at Pre-school, please phone the Pre-school to see if you need to come and collect your child. If the decision is made to close Colfox School then we would follow this decision.

Illness

Children should be kept at home for 48 hours after the last bout of illness. If you are unsure whether to send your child to Pre-school, please phone and check with the Pre-school first. We also ask that you phone and let us know if your child is not attending Pre-school for any reason.

Reminders

Please can we remind all parents of the following:

- to include a teaspoon in your child's lunch box if they are having a yogurt pot;
- not to include sweets or chocolate in your child's lunch box (as per our Pre-school policy);
- to return any Pre-school clothing that your child may come home in;
- not to park past the 'Emergency Vehicles Only' sign or block this area.