

# NEWSLETTER

## SPRING TERM

1<sup>st</sup> March 2019



Welcome to our Spring Term (second half) newsletter.



### World Book Day

Thursday 7<sup>th</sup> March is World Book Day, an annual event that celebrates stories and a love of reading. If your child would like to come to Pre-school on Thursday 7<sup>th</sup> March (or any other day during that week if they don't attend on Thursday) dressed as one of their favourite

book characters to help celebrate World Book Day with us that would be great. Dressing up ideas can be found at: <https://www.worldbookday.com/dressing-up>. Please bear in mind for those children on Forest School (Group 4 Magpies) that it may be best to bring the costume to school to change into after Forest School.



### Easter Egg Trail

Follow the clues, search with your eyes and you may be rewarded with a chocolatey surprise!



On Saturday 6<sup>th</sup> April, we will be holding our annual Easter Egg Trail at Bradpole Village Hall from 10.00am - 12.00pm. The cost is £3.00 per child (£1.50 for siblings). Tickets for this fun event will be available to purchase from Pre-school nearer the time and family and friends are most welcome to join in the fun! Refreshments and raffle tickets will be available to purchase at the Village Hall after the trail.

Requests for donations of Easter biscuits, cakes etc. for the refreshments stall will be made nearer the time.

### Parent Consultations

Parent consultations for the younger children who have recently joined us will be taking place on Monday 11<sup>th</sup>, Tuesday 12<sup>th</sup> and Tuesday 19<sup>th</sup> March. Letters have gone in trays for those children requiring a parent consultation and the list is on the Parent Noticeboard for you to select a convenient time. If the times listed are not convenient, please speak to your child's Keyworker to arrange an alternative day/time. For any other parents who would like a parent consultation, please speak with your child's Keyworker to arrange a convenient day and time.

### Washingpool Farm Visit

On Tuesday 30<sup>th</sup> April we will be taking the older children on a morning visit to Washingpool Farm where they will have the opportunity to be involved in feeding the animals and looking at the growing fields and poly tunnels. To transport the children to Washingpool Farm we will be hiring a coach for the morning and will therefore be asking for a contribution of £5.00 from each child to help with the transport costs. A letter providing further information will be given out nearer the time.



## 30 Hours Free Childcare Funding

A reminder to all parents in receipt of the 30 hours free childcare funding that you must reconfirm your eligibility for the 30 hour funding every 3 months. You should automatically receive an email reminder from HMRC requesting that you confirm that your details are up to date.

## School Admissions September 2019

Just a reminder that the closing date for applications for children starting school for the first time in September 2019 was 15<sup>th</sup> January 2019 with the outcomes for applications submitted by this date being made available from 16<sup>th</sup> April 2019. The outcomes for late applications (those submitted after 15<sup>th</sup> January but before 15<sup>th</sup> April) will be made available from 17<sup>th</sup> May 2019.

## Pre-school Parking

Following a complaint from Colfox School, we would like to remind **ALL** parents, grandparents and carers that you **MUST NOT** park past the 'Emergency Only Vehicles' sign or block this area in any way. This applies at all times. If there is no parking near the Pre-school, parents can park in the Colfox School staff car park at any time or the drop off zone at the front of the school at 9.00am, 11.30am or 12.30pm. As a last resort, if there is no car parking available at all, parents can call the Pre-school and a member of the Pre-school staff will come out and collect your child.

**NO PARKING  
EMERGENCY  
VEHICLES  
ONLY**

## Names in Clothing and Spare Clothes

Please could we ask that you name your child's clothes (especially Pre-school jumpers) as this will assist us with knowing who it belongs to when children take their jumpers off. Although the Pre-school have a limited supply of spare clothes it is advisable that you provide your child with a spare change of clothes to keep on their peg in the event of accidents and wet water play. If your child does go home in Pre-school clothing, please could we ask that you return it to Pre-school as soon as possible.

## Extreme 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](http://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.

## Contacting Pre-school

During Pre-school hours, the Pre-school can be contacted by phone on 01308 456668 or email [bradpolepreschool@gmail.com](mailto:bradpolepreschool@gmail.com). Out of hours, please use our email address or our Facebook page and we will respond to you the next working day.

## End of Spring Term

Please note that we break up on Friday 5<sup>th</sup> April for the Easter Holidays and return for the Summer Term on Tuesday 23<sup>rd</sup> April.