

# NEWSLETTER

## SUMMER TERM



May 2022

Welcome to our Summer Term newsletter

### Latest Covid Guidance:

The latest guidance advises that it is not recommended that children and young people under the age of 18 are tested for COVID-19 unless directed to by a health professional. If a child or young person has a positive COVID-19 test result they should stay at home and avoid contact with other people for 3 days after the day they took the test. After 3 days, if they feel well and do not have a high temperature, the risk of passing the infection on to others is much lower. This is because children and young people tend to be infectious to other people for less time than adults. Children and young people who usually go to school, college or childcare and who live with someone who has a positive COVID-19 test result should continue to attend as normal.

### Attendance and Illness

Children should be kept at home for 48 hours after the last bout of illness/sickness or high temperature. 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 - this is a condition of your child receiving their 2-year-old or 3/4-year-old funding.

### Reception School Visits

We have invited all the Primary School Reception Teachers into Pre-school this term to meet the children going to their new schools in September. Detailed below are the confirmed dates so far:

Powerstock Primary School - Wednesday 18<sup>th</sup> May

Symondsbury Primary School - Wednesday 15<sup>th</sup> June

Beaminster St Mary's - Friday 17<sup>th</sup> June

As more primary school dates are confirmed, your child's Key Person will confirm the date with you. If your child is not in on that day, they are more than welcome to attend to meet their new teacher.

### Summer Weather

Now that we are into the Summer Term, we would like to take this opportunity to remind parents of our summer weather procedures:

Could you please remember to put sun cream on your child before they arrive at Pre-school. There are lots of good sun creams available now that last for up to 8 hours. If your child is staying all day and you wish for sun cream to be re-applied, you are welcome to bring in sun cream for your child (please label with their name) and speak to your child's Key Persons about when it needs to be re-applied. **Please do not leave sun cream in your child's bag.** We also have Boots Factor 50 Hypoallergenic sun cream at Pre-school that you can use if you forget to apply any in the morning, please speak to a member of staff.



We provide sun hats at Pre-school but if your child would like to bring their own this is fine, please put their name in it. Drinking water is always available.

Please also ensure that your child comes to Pre-school wearing sensible footwear. Please do not send them in wearing flip flops which are a serious trip hazard.

## Ofsted Visit

As many of you will already know, we had our Ofsted visit on 15<sup>th</sup> March 2022. Thank you to those parents who took the time on the day to speak with the Ofsted Inspector and for all your kind comments. Following the inspection, the Pre-school has been awarded Good as detailed below:

### **Overall effectiveness: Good**

The quality of education - Good

Behaviour and attitudes - Outstanding

Personal development - Good

Leadership and management - Good

Overall effectiveness at previous inspection - Good

The Ofsted report can be viewed on our website at [www.bradpolepreschool.org.uk](http://www.bradpolepreschool.org.uk)



## Restricted Pre-school Parking

Please be aware that from Thursday 23<sup>rd</sup> June until the end of the Summer Term there will be restricted access and parking in the Pre-school carpark due to building works for a perimeter fence commencing around the Colfox School site. Please use the parking spaces in the main school car park for drop off and collection.

## Forest School and Cooking Activities



Unfortunately, due to vandalism of our Forest School site over the Easter holidays, we have been unable to take the children out on Forest School activities. We hope to resume these very soon. If anyone has any large logs that we can use for seats or bird boxes and bird feeders, these would be very much appreciated as ours were taken or badly damaged. Staff shortages have also impacted our ability to run cooking sessions with the children but we also hope to be able to resume these very soon.

## The Queen's Platinum Jubilee Tea Party Event



All families are welcome to attend The Queen's Platinum Jubilee event which has been organised by Bradpole Community to celebrate The Queen's 70 years of service. The event will take place on Saturday 4<sup>th</sup> June from 2pm - 5pm at Gore Cross Recreational Area and will include:

Light refreshments, children's activities, music, dedication of trees planted to commemorate the jubilee. Bring your own picnic, picnic blanket and chairs and enjoy the celebrations. If anyone attending would be happy to volunteer their children to help with putting the dedication plaques in the ground in front of the jubilee trees, please let Pre-school know as soon as possible.

## Teddy Bear's Picnic - Thursday 16<sup>th</sup> June

Our annual Teddy Bear's Picnic will be taking place on Thursday 16<sup>th</sup> June from 10am - 2.00pm at Salway Ash Village Hall.

Although details will go out nearer the time, we would be most grateful for any donations for the day including prizes (new) for our tombola. We will also need donations of cake, quiche, salads, ham and cheese on the day for the picnic. Please note there will be **NO PRE-SCHOOL** on this day as we will all be at the picnic!



## Other Dates for Your Diary



**Break Up for Half Term** - Friday 27<sup>th</sup> May, return to Pre-school Monday 6<sup>th</sup> June

**Sports Day** - Date to be confirmed

**Leavers Presentations** - Thursday 20<sup>th</sup> July 2pm and 6pm at Pre-school

**Last day of Term** - Thursday 20<sup>th</sup> July, finish at 12.30pm

**Leavers Party** - Friday 21<sup>st</sup> July at Salway Ash Village Hall