

NEWSLETTER

AUTUMN TERM

5th September 2024



Welcome to our Autumn Term newsletter and a warm welcome to all our new starters, we hope they enjoy their time with us.

Kat's Greeting



I am excited to start my new role as manager here at Bradpole Preschool and am very much looking forward to getting to know all the children and their families over the coming weeks.

As you will see, we have been busy over the summer, replacing the old shed and Wendy house (which is due to arrive very soon). We are very pleased with how our outside space is looking and hope the children enjoy this new play shed, when it arrives.

Things are going to remain pretty much the same as last year, in terms of routines etc. I don't plan on making big changes to this already wonderful setting. Any changes I do bring in will be carefully thought through and always with the children in mind. We will always be keep parents and carers up to date on any changes and your input is always welcome and appreciated.

Please feel free to come and have a chat whenever you see me around or pop me an email if you have any questions.

Keyworker Groups

All children are allocated a Keyperson, who is part of either the red or the green team, the child will be a member of their keyperson's team and they will have coordinated drawers and pegs. The Keyperson Groups are:

- **Red Team - Sally, Ellie, Jemma, Laura and Daisy**
- **Green Team – Nikki and Lisa**

Children's Details

Please can you ensure that we have up to date contact details and emergency contact details for your child and that all requested paperwork has been completed and returned to Pre-school. All new starters should have received an induction pack containing the following forms that need completing and returning to Pre-school as soon as possible: Registration Form, All About Your Child, Learning Journey Trust Statement, Image Consent and Medical Consent. If you have not received a pack, please ask a member of staff. Attached is a contact details form, please could we ask all parent, both new and settled to fill in this form and return it to the preschool.

Funding Forms

Autumn Term Funding Forms for 3–4-year-olds and eligible 2-year-olds will be placed in your child's tray this week. Please ensure you complete the forms in full and return to Pre-school by 13th September 2023.

Contacting Pre-school

During Pre-school hours, the Pre-school can be contacted:

by phone on 01308 456668 or email 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.

Lunch Boxes



If your child stays for lunch, it can get very hot in the room so it may be advisable to put a cold pack or frozen yogurt in their lunch box. Please do not give your child high sugar foods, sweets or chocolate bars. Popcorn and Marshmallows are no longer allowed in any preschool setting. We will provide a drink of milk or water. Please ensure that grapes and baby tomatoes are cut in half to avoid choking accidents and if you include a yogurt, please provide a spoon. We try to ensure that children eat their savoury items before anything else and please only send your child in with

the amount of food they would normally eat. A child's portion is about the amount of food they can hold in their hand.

URGENT NOTICE

Food Choking Hazards For Toddlers and Preschoolers

Parents / Carers please note the following:



Popcorn and marshmallows are no longer allowed in Preschool

This is an EYFS ruling, due to these foods being a choking hazard.



Please cut small round fruits like **grapes, cherries, berries, strawberries and cherry tomatoes**, into small pieces: cut lengthways and then again cut them in half again.

No Drinks Bottles

Last year it was decided that **children were not to bring drinks bottles into preschool**. We provide a water filter machine which the children can access throughout the day, and they really love to do this. For lunch and snacks we provide a choice of cow's milk, or oat milk and water, so there is no need for parents to provide a drink, unless your child will not drink water or milk, then a **small carton in their lunch box** would be permissible.

Suncream

While the weather is occasionally still nice and sunny, please could we remind you to put sun cream on your child before they come to Pre-school on those days. If you would like us to reapply sun cream at lunch time, please name the sun cream and give it to your child's Key Worker **please do not leave sun cream in your child's bag.** You will need to ensure that you have completed the 'Applying Sun Cream' permission slip provided in your child's induction pack.



Barriers and Gates

The barriers and gates around the school are closed at 9:00am and do not reopen until 3:00pm. For the afternoon sessions, when possible, please collect your child after the barrier and gates have opened, as the repeated intercom takes us away from our work with the children. If it is not possible, please let us know in the morning. The Dodham's pedestrian gate is locked at 9:00am and does not have an intercom, if it is locked you will need to come through the main gates using the intercoms.

Session Times

<u>MORNING SESSION</u>	<u>8:45am to 11:45am</u>
<u>LUNCH CLUB</u>	<u>11:45am to 12:45pm</u>
<u>AFTERNOON SESSIONS</u>	<u>12:45pm to 3:15pm</u>

We provide various combinations of these sessions, as well as Breakfast Clubs starting from 8am and Afterschool Clubs ending at 4pm. The sessions are set to work around the gates and barrier times as we try to disrupt the children as little as possible, please bear this in mind when dropping off and collecting.

Speed Limit

We have been asked by Colfox School to remind all parents that the speed limit around the school grounds is **strictly 10MPH**. Please can you ensure that you adhere to this at all times. Also, please DO NOT park in front of the large green gates as this is an emergency vehicle access point.



Website and Facebook Page



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

Mobile Phones

In line with Ofsted guidelines, mobile phones are not allowed to be used in the Pre-school area. Please remember this when dropping off and collecting your child.

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 off their jumpers. 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.

Shoes

We have decided that all children must wear their shoes at all times whilst in the room. This is to help prevent injuries and avoid soggy socks from water play. If your child wears wellies to preschool, could you please pack them a spare pair of shoes for inside.

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 preschool, please phone and check with the preschool first. We also ask that you phone and let us know if your child is not attending preschool for any reason.

School Admissions 2024

Children starting school in September 2025 can apply for a reception place from the 15th January 2025. Some primary schools will be holding open days for you to visit the school before applying. Please contact the school direct for further information.



Parents should apply on-line at www.dorsetcouncil.gov.uk/school-admissions. If parents need a paper application form, ask Lauren in the Preschool office or you can call admissions on 01305 221060.

Annual AGM – 21st October 2024

As we are a charity run organisation, we require a committee to be able to run the Pre-school. The committee is responsible for managing the Pre-school, employing staff, sorting finances and organising fundraising activities. The committee is elected at the Annual General Meeting held in the Autumn term. The AGM will be held at Pre-school on Monday 21st October at 7.00pm. We require as many parents as possible to attend as without a committee the Pre-school would not be able to continue. All parents/carers or grandparents are welcome to join the committee. We ask that a representative from each family attend.