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Summer Term - Newsletter 2025

**Hello everyone.**

This will be a busy term, especially for our school leavers. Please can you notify us of the primary school your child will be attending. We will try and arrange some extra transition visits, but this will all depend on School’s policies. It would also be helpful if you could inform us when your child will be visiting their school. It will help if you show your child where they will be going to school and ensure they become independent with: Putting on and taking off their clothes/shoes (for PE) be responsible for their own belongings, able to attend to their own personal needs with the bathroom. These points are what schools require most for your child to become school ready.

As the weather is turning warmer, please ensure your child has skin protection as necessary. Please apply this to your child prior to coming into the setting, we are very high in numbers and staff cannot be applying sunscreen If you wish it to be reapplied whilst your child is in our care, if they stay all day, then please bring sun product in (named please). Could parents/carers also provide a hat.

Footwear – we do not allow children to wear crocs, sliders or loose-fitting shoes as these do not support the children’s feet when running around and climbing and can lead to accidents.

Please do not leave any medicines or inhalers in your child’s bag. You must inform us if your child requires any medication, and a permission form filled in.

**Up and coming Events**

* Our annual sponsored walk will be taking place the week commencing 9th June. This is a great activity enjoyed by all who attend, we take the children out and explore the local environment we have seen birds, hedgehogs, squirrels on these walks plus lots of bugs as well as learning about the natural world around us we learn about keeping safe when out and about.

All fundraising money will go towards, replacing broken equipment and upgrading our provision according to the children’s needs and interests.

*We will require parent helpers for this to take place though. We generally go on these walks in the morning, weather depending; so, if you can help, please speak to a member of staff.*

* **The committee will be having summer event** more details to follow.

**Lunches**

If your child is attending a full day session, please provide your child with a packed lunch which promotes a healthy balanced diet, so ideas for lunches could include sandwiches, fruit, yogurt, cheese, crackers, flapjacks, vegetable sticks etc. We are associated with the hot lunch company ‘Good lookin Cookin’ you can order a hot meal and pay via their website.WWW.goodlookincookin.co.uk. You are required to order 2 weeks in advance. Or if you prefer to send a packed lunch, please remember that children’s lunch boxes should contain **only healthy foods**. The reason for this guidance is in accordance with the government’s healthy eating plan; no sweets or chocolate of any kind in lunch boxes thank you. google for some ideas at: [Lunchbox ideas and recipes – Healthier Families - NHS (www.nhs.uk)](https://www.nhs.uk/healthier-families/recipes/healthier-lunchboxes/) [Fifteen easy and nutritious lunchbox ideas - BBC Bitesize](https://www.bbc.co.uk/bitesize/articles/z4fmd6f)

Unfortunately, we do not have refrigeration space for all our lunches. Please provide an ice pack in the lunch box, especially as the weather gets warmer.

**Only water** is to be in drinks bottles please. This advice is from NHS dentists.

**Additional Clothing**

*Please can you provide a spare set of clothing. This is in case of accidents or becoming wet/dirty from play. We do not always get back items we lend children, so items like pants and socks are in very short supply.* could you please send your child’s items in a named bag. Also, if your child requires nappy/pull up changes, please provide them with the necessary wipes, bags, nappy, and pull ups. Thank you.

It is important that children recognise their own belongings to help encourage independence and any confusion.

**If your child requires any skin cream, we ask that you hand this to staff and not leave in children’s bags. If your child has had any medication before coming to the setting, we ask that you please inform us so it can be documented, thus ensuring welfare and safety. If you require us to administer medicine to your child whilst they are in the setting please speak to Mrs Lynn, Mrs Marfleet or Mrs Wallhead-Room leader for the nursery room, or Miss James – toddler room for we may need to put a health and care plan in place. This is very important as it enables all staff to know and understand a child’s needs and requirements. Thus, everyone is working together to ensure continuity of care and support.**

**If you or any person who is nominated to collect your child changes their phone/email address, please inform us.**

**Fundraising- This is very important for us to continually upgrade, resources and renovations.**

We have now finished the toilets extension which is now up and running as our‘Toddler’ room.

You can subscribe to easy fundraising which gives us a donation from online sales. All the major online retailers are registered with them. Just register us as your nominated charity

You can also shop via amazon smile and nominate us. Our charity number is 1209129- This is our new charity number now that the setting has charity incorporated status. (CIO)

**Curriculum and delivery.**

Our planning for activities for the children will follow their interests and learning areas from the EYFS: of which the PRIME areas are: -Personal, social and emotional, Physical development, and communication and language; and the SPECIFIC areas; literacy, maths, understanding the world and expressive arts and design. If you have any queries regarding our planning or the EYFS, please do not hesitate to ask. All our activities are adapted to children’s individual needs. “key Group Time”. is where each key person works with their key group on specific learning areas and children’s “next Steps” (promoting learning development). Parents/carers are a child’s primary educator, we aim to work in conjunction with you on how best to develop all areas and stages of your child’s growth and learning. Please do share information with us; we will also send via ‘Tapestry’ ideas on how to develop your child’s next steps in their development journey.

We will let you know about upcoming dates/events in due course. Information sharing will be via, Email, our Face Book and website accounts for news. Also, we do put information on our notice board on the side of the building, and on our white board inside. Please feel free to approach us with and queries/ideas.

**Online Safety**

In our setting, we practice and are very conscious of online safety for our children, even at their tender age. We ensure that our children are only exposed to educational and age-appropriate material. This is all observed by staff. The DFE propose that parents/carers also maintain this at home as children can easily access inappropriate material via adverts, misleading titles etc. There is now a lot of evidence of how too much screen time is affecting children’s ability to socialise, are fall behind in language, listening and attention and understanding.

**Safeguarding-** We take the safeguarding of everyone seriously and always endeavour to keep children safe from harm and keep up to date with current policies and procedures. We are registered with ‘Operation Encompass’ There is a dedicated team to support children who may be victims of domestic violence. If a child in our setting has been witness to any forms of domestic violence. We will be notified. Any concerns with safeguarding please do speak to Mrs Lynn who is the designated safeguarding lead for the setting. In her absence Mrs Marfleet will step into this role. Everything disclosed is confidential.

**Fees/Invoicing-** Mrs Hart our financial administrator will invoice everyone with all fees/consumables etc. This will arrive via our [bracebridgeps@outlook.com](mailto:bracebridgeps@outlook.com) email address. Please check your junk folders too.

Please note- If you are late to collect your child we will be adding late pick up charges to your bills as it is important we keep within the government ratio guidelines, if we have extra children we are not always able to facilitate staff lunch breaks, training, and it is upsetting for your children when they are expecting to be collected and you don’t turn up. Please keep us informed if you expect to arrive late and we can make changes to accommodate the extra children.

If you take a break or holiday, can you please let us know as soon as possible. If you do not let us know in a reasonable time, fee charges for those who pay these will be at full price.

Consumable Charges: these are for, all equipment and resources children use, plus their snack. The charge is currently £3.00 per day your child attends, and still payable if your child is off sick or away on holiday.

We have bills to pay too, and EYE funding does not cover our costs. We are going to have to charge late payment fees if you do not pay our invoices on time. Mrs Hart works full time at her main job and part time for us and is now having to spend a considerable amount of extra time chasing parents for payments. We at Preschool are also becoming uncomfortable in having to remind parents to pay. This has on occasions led to difficult or unpleasant conversations. If you have any queries, please contact Mrs Hart at [bracebridgeps@outlook.com](mailto:bracebridgeps@outlook.com) – This is the same email address your invoices are sent from.

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**Holidays-**

**Term Time children 38-week eye claims**

**Term 4 – Monday 24th February- Friday 4th April (Easter hols- Monday 7th – Monday 21st** (bank holiday) **April)**

**Term 5 – Tuesday 22nd April – Friday 23trd May**

**(half term Monday 26th- Friday 30th May)**

***May Day Bank Holiday - Monday 5th May- we are closed.***

**Term 6 – Monday 2nd June – Friday 11th July.**

**Stretched Offer children. 47.5-week eye claim**

**Term 2 – Monday 6th January 2025 to Wednesday 13th August.**

**Closures for everyone**

**Friday 18th April - Good Friday**

**Monday 21st April. Easter Monday**

**May Bank holiday’s - Monday 5th (May Day) & Monday 26th (Whitson)**

**End date to be confirmed. For us to work this out, please inform us as soon as possible if childcare is required for once your stretched offer has finished, or for those wishing to purchase any additional days. We are Closed From 25th (bank holiday) – 29th August**

**September term start date to be confirmed**

*Please remember we are not affiliated with any schools, so our term dates will not generally correlate with schools. Early years providers only receive funding for either 38 or 47.5 weeks.*