



## Bodiam Preschool Newsletter Term 2 2025

We cannot believe this will be our last newsletter before we break up for Christmas! We are hoping you all had a lovely break, and for those of you who celebrate Halloween and went out trick-or-treating, pumpkin picking, we hope you all had a fabulous time.

Please can you share what you have been up to over the weekends and half-term break. We love to hear what everyone gets up to, and it also allows us to discuss and tailor some of our activities around your children's experiences and interests. You can add these through Facebook Messenger, Evidence Me app or home contact books.

We welcome Leanne to our team. She will be working Monday, Tuesday, Thursday and Friday mornings. Some of you may already know her from being a parent of children who attend the preschool. We're delighted to have her on board and look forward to her bringing new ideas into the setting.

### Dates for your diaries:

Term 2	3 <sup>rd</sup> November - 19 <sup>th</sup> December
Term 3	5 <sup>th</sup> Jan - 13 <sup>th</sup> February
Bodiam Bonfire	14 <sup>th</sup> November
Christmas Party	19 <sup>th</sup> December

### Clothing

Unfortunately, as we approach the end of the year, the weather is changing, and the temperatures are dropping. We would like to remind you all to please ensure your children have plenty of warm clothing. Free play will continue at preschool during these colder months; the door will always be open to the garden.

Please can you also make sure that your child comes into preschool with some named wellies, as outside can get very muddy, especially our mud kitchen area.



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## **Absences**

There has recently been a change to the statutory requirements regarding absences. Please make sure that if your child is going to be absent that you let us know on the day of each absence, in line with our policies by 9.30a.m. However, if you have already given us notice prior to a day off or holiday, then you do not need to let us know each day.

## **Invoices**

A gentle reminder for invoices to be paid within 10 days of receipt. Failure to do this could mean that your child will not be able to access any additional hours and will only be able to attend their government-funded sessions. However, if you need to discuss your invoice with a member of the team, please speak to Mel, Vicki, or Linda, our chairperson, in confidence.

## **Illness**

As the weather is getting colder, it is the time for illness. Please keep your children off if they are not feeling well. This will help to stop the spread of germs to other children and staff. We also have a 48-hour sickness policy. Can we also encourage children to cough into their elbows rather than their hands to stop the spread of germs.

## **Toys from Home**

As a team, we are aware that children like to show their peers some of their toys from home. We do allow this within the setting; we just ask that the toys are safe and age-appropriate. However, please be aware that these toys are also at risk of getting lost or broken in the setting. Children will also be encouraged to share their toys from home at preschool; therefore, they might need to have this explained before arrival.

## **Bodiam Bonfire**

Bodiam bonfire is at the castle pub on the 14<sup>th</sup> November. The Bonfire will be lit at 6 pm. We will be running a stall with Bodiam School PTA. Any proceeds will be split between both the school and the preschool, so please stop by if you are there.



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## **Christmas Party**

Our Christmas Party will be on the 19<sup>th</sup> December at the Staplecross club. The preschool will close at 12:30 on the day; however, if your child usually attends our afternoon session on a Friday, we are offering alternative afternoon sessions. If you are interested, please speak to a member of our team. Invites will be sent out near the end of this term. Please keep a lookout, as everyone is invited. Our party will start from 1 pm and finish at 3 pm. There will be an entertainer and, of course, Santa will be making an appearance. Each child will receive a picnic box for you to fill up and bring to the party.

## **Communication and Language bags**

We have been delighted to see and hear about the enjoyment the children have been having with the communication bags. These activities will continue to change, and we hope that the children will continue to enjoy each activity that goes home. If you have not had a bag yet don't panic, you are on the list and one will be coming your way soon.

We would also like to thank the wonderful parent who made the communication and cookery bags. These are lovely, and we really appreciate the effort and time you took to make them.

## **Christmas Cards**

One of our wonderful parents has been in the preschool helping the children design their own Christmas cards, which are for a fundraiser. Some of you might have already seen them if your child has been bringing theirs home. But we do need these beautiful cards returned to the preschool no later than Friday, 7<sup>th</sup> November, please, so we can send them off to make sure they arrive before the deadline

Thank you all for your continuous support.

Mel, Vicki, Suzie and Leanne.



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### \*IMPORTANT INFORMATION\*:

Link to list on early years choking hazards:

[https://www.foundationyears.org.uk/files/2021/09/Early-Years-Choking-Hazards-Table\\_FIN\\_AL\\_21-Sept-2021.pdf](https://www.foundationyears.org.uk/files/2021/09/Early-Years-Choking-Hazards-Table_FIN_AL_21-Sept-2021.pdf)



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