



## Bodiam Preschool Newsletter Term 1 2023

Welcome to the new school year and term at Preschool! We have had some new families join us, we are all really looking forward to getting to know them. We are excited for the new term and can't wait to see what fun and learning we can get up to.

### ***All about me***

This term we are sharing 'All about me', talking lots about what makes us special, similarities and differences in ourselves, our family members and people who are special to us.

We would love it if you could please send in photos of your children with any pets and family members so that we can make a montage for our display board, all talk about them together and really get to know each other. This will encourage discussion and enrich the children's language and vocabulary.

We would also love it if anyone would like to volunteer to come in and talk to us about their job, as we all love learning about different occupations and the children would be really excited to have some visitors. Especially if any of you either works or knows anyone in any of the helping professions, for example, Police, Doctors, Nurses or Firefighters and could persuade them to come in to talk to us about their job, we would really appreciate it. The children have enjoyed dressing up to play these roles, and it would be amazing for them to have this opportunity. Please do get in touch if you, or someone you know, would be able to come and chat to us all. Thank you.

### ***Agreements and policies***

You should all have received copies of our policies and agreements by email, if you haven't, please do let us know. Could you please ensure that you have a read through (in your spare time) as they contain important information that you need to be aware of. Thank you.

### ***Spare clothes***

As usual, please could you ensure your child has plenty of spare clothes with them in a named bag at Preschool.

Due to us being a free flow setting, the children are able to have constant access to the outside space at Preschool, so as the weather gets cooler and wetter, layers and waterproof coats and wellies are a good idea. It would also be great if you could please send in a named re-

usable bag that we can send wet clothes home in, as we are trying to do our bit toward being environmentally friendly and would like to be able to stop sending wet clothes home in plastic nappy sacks.

\*Please can you ensure that all uniform is clearly named otherwise it is tricky to work out who's is who's if they all strip off!

### ***Packed lunches***

A reminder to please chop into halves or quarters any blueberries, grapes, raspberries, party sausages or other fruit or vegetables which are smaller than a two pence piece as children can choke on these.

### ***Easyfundraising***

We've registered Bodiam Preschool with Easyfundraising, and you could help us to raise funds at no extra cost to yourself! When you shop online, with over 4,100 of your favourite retailers, including John Lewis & Partners, Amazon, eBay and notonthehighstreet, you will raise FREE donations for Bodiam Preschool. Signing up only takes a few minutes, then you can begin shopping through the easyfundraising website or app straight away – simply shop online as normal. This will be an enormous help to the Preschool, at no extra cost to yourself. Visit [easyfundraising](https://www.easyfundraising.org.uk) to get started:

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These donations will help SO MUCH, so please sign up to support us – its completely FREE and doesn't take long. Thank you.

### ***Herbs and spices***

We would be very grateful for donations of any leftover, out of date herbs and spices you could bring in, as the children love using them for all sorts of things including adding them to their potions, teas and playdoh, as well as props in their imaginary play. They also provide a sensory experience as well as opportunities for developing fine motor skills when cutting them up with scissors.

### ***Poetry Basket***

We are very lucky to be part of a scheme via East Sussex County Council called Poetry Baskets, by Make Believe Arts. We receive lifetime access to a virtual Poetry Basket and there are 36 recorded poems with accompanying actions to use over a year. We will be learning a new poem each two weeks, which will promote oral communication and interaction, and enrich the children's language. The poems have also been linked with '50 things to do before you're

5' which is very exciting! More information can be found at [eastsussex.50thingstodo.org](http://eastsussex.50thingstodo.org) . We will be putting links to the poems on our Facebook page, so that you can watch and learn the words and actions at home.

### ***Social Media***

Although we would all love to be friends on our personal accounts with our parents on social media, to keep in line with our safeguarding agreements we are not permitted to do this. Please don't take it personally if you friend request us and we don't accept, its not because we don't want to its because we are not allowed. Of course, you are all more than welcome to friend request our preschool Facebook page and to follow us on Instagram.

### ***Primary School Admissions***

You can apply for a school place at an infant, junior or primary school in East Sussex from 12th September 2023 and the closing date is 15<sup>th</sup> January 2024.

### ***Dates for your diaries***

Last day of term 1 – Friday 20<sup>th</sup> October 2023

First Day of Term 2 – Monday 30<sup>th</sup> October 2023

Last day of term 2 – Friday 15<sup>th</sup> December 2023



Second hand uniform and cake sale coming up – WATCH THIS SPACE

Thank you all for your continued support.

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