



# Bodiam Preschool Newsletter Term 3 January 2024

Welcome back to a new year and term. We hope you all had a lovely Christmas break and would all like to wish you a very happy new year.

A big thank you for all the wonderful cards and gifts we received from you and your children before Christmas. Sorry this newsletter is a bit delayed, we are not sure where this term has gone!

## **Term Activities`**

This term we will be doing some exciting activities with the children, we will be celebrating Burns night (tomorrow) and trying some Haggis for Snack, we will be reading the Selkirk Grace poem to the children which we will put on our facebook page for you all to see, and making shortbread. Next week we will be celebrating Chinese New Year (Luna New Year) and trying Noodles for snack using chopsticks. Our story of the week will be Chinese New Year for toddlers and we will also be reading Zog as this year is the year of the dragon. As always, these activities will tie into some of the children's interests.

## **Quiz Night**

We have our Bodiam Pre School Fundraising quiz on Saturday 24<sup>th</sup> of February, a fun evening to socialise with other families and raise money for the pre school. It starts at 8pm at the Staplecross Social club. £6 per person (including a nibbles platter for your team). Maximum 6 per team. We look forward to seeing you there.

## **Photos From Home**

We love seeing the photos from home that you send through to us on either email or Messenger, the children enjoy looking at them and sharing them with their friends so please continue to do so.

## **Quick reminders.....**

### **Spare clothes**

We are continuing to explore and make the most of our environment outside, in all weathers. We all love looking at the ice, frost and snow and making the most of different weather conditions, so as usual, please send in your children wrapped up warm in layers, coats, wellies and waterproofs if you have them. Could you also please ensure your child has plenty of spare clothes with them in a named bag at Preschool.

Just a reminder that we have been trying to think of ways we could be more environmentally friendly, and were thinking it would be great if you could send in a reusable waterproof bag if you're able to, that we could send wet clothes home in. This would greatly reduce the amount of plastic nappy bags we're sending home. Thank you to those of you who have already done this.

### **Packed lunches**

We are excited to be working with HALO (Healthy Active Little Ones) from East Sussex County Council, and part of this will involve them supporting us with making healthy choices which are mostly low cost, no cost. Part of this will be encouraging children to eat healthily, and thank you for sending in healthy packed lunches. We all love seeing them and they always look so delicious. Bearing this in mind, we can provide water to drink at lunch time, as a healthy alternative to juices and smoothies which have a high sugar content. Also a little reminder to please chop into halves or quarters any blueberries, grapes, 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. You can even set up a donation reminder which saves you time logging into the easyfundraising website every time you shop. Please set this up if you can, it 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 – it's completely FREE and doesn't take long. Thank you.

### **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 have been learning a new poem each two weeks, and it is always lovely to see how much the children enjoy these. The poems have also been linked with '50 things to do before you're 5' which has been set up by ESCC and is a bucket list of fun, educational and low cost, or no cost activities. More information and a free app can be found at <https://eastsussex.50thingstodo.org>.

We hope you've all been enjoying the videos of actions and words to the poems that we've been sending you and having fun with them at home. Feel free to send in any videos of how you get on; we would really love to see them.

## Coughs and sneezes

As usual at this time of year, the colds and coughs are circulating. [www.nhs.uk](http://www.nhs.uk) says that a high temperature (fever) in children is 38c or more. If your child has a high temperature, please keep them at home. Could we please ask you to be considerate of our preschool families and staff, when deciding whether to send your children in. We appreciate that its difficult when you need to go to work and you haven't got childcare, but we are trying to prevent the spread of illness between us all.

Could we please also remind you, as per our illness policy, children must not attend preschool if they have been vomiting or had diarrhoea until **at least 48 hours has elapsed since the last attack**. This is to try to prevent the spread of illness amongst the children and staff at Preschool, as much as we can. Thank you for your understanding.

## Dates for your diaries

Last day of Term 3 – Friday 9<sup>th</sup> February 2024

First Day of Term 4 – Monday 19<sup>th</sup> February 2024

Last day of Term 4 – Friday 28<sup>th</sup> March 2024

Committee meeting – Tuesday 6<sup>th</sup> February 2024

Thank you all as always for your continued support.

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