



Bodiam Preschool Newsletter Term 2 2023

We are halfway through another new term at Preschool! Our new friends are settling in really well and we are all having lots of fun while learning together. We have a busy term planned with lots of fun in the run up to Christmas – more details to follow.

Coughs and sneezes

We are into the cold and flu season. While we appreciate that everyone catches colds, and we can't really avoid coming into contact with those who have them, could we please remind you not to send your child in if they have a high temperature. www.nhs.uk states that a high temperature in children is 38c or more.

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. It's also not nice for little ones to be sent in when they're not feeling 100%.

SENCO

Hello everyone, part of my role as Deputy Manager is to be the settings Special Educational Needs Coordinator (SENCO), and I have been very busy completing a Level 3 qualification in this. I'd just like to introduce myself as the SENCO for the Preschool and say that if you have any questions or concerns at all, I'm here either on the end of the phone, via messenger, email or in person to listen and give advice on services available that may be helpful to you and your family. I'll be setting up a virtual noticeboard on our facebook page which will have links to useful groups, information and organisations. Sadie x

Spare clothes

We are continuing to explore and make the most of our environment outside, in all weathers. The weather is turning colder and we all love looking at any ice, frost

and making the most of different weather conditions. 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

A 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. We do also advocate healthy lunches and provide milk and water at lunchtime for drinks.

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 to everyone who has already signed up, this quarter you helped us to raise £36.13

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.

Save the Children's Christmas Jumper Day 2023

This is on 7th December this year. To make sure all children are included in this, we will be wearing our Christmas jumpers for the whole week of the 4th to the 8th December. If you are able to give an optional donation for Save the Children, we can forward it on to them.

Christmas Party save the date Friday 15th December

You are all invited to our Christmas party this year, parents included. This will be a lovely opportunity to meet and socialise with our other preschool families. Invitations with venue details will be coming home and on our parents Facebook page shortly. We shall be closing the preschool at 12.30 on the party afternoon. If your child attends this session please speak to either Mel or Sadie to book an extra afternoon session to compensate. This can be used either before or after Christmas. We hope to see you all there for lots of fun.

Dates for your diaries

Week beginning 4th December - Christmas Jumpers

Christmas Party – 15th December 2023

Last day of Term 2 – Friday 15th December 2023

First Day of Term 3 – Tuesday 2nd January 2024

Thank you all for your continued support

Mel Sadie Suzie

