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NEWSLETTER



Where Milestones are Achieved

Dear Parents/Carers

Welcome back after the summer holidays and as usual the best weather is when we have returned!

We are looking forward to another academic year and working with you to progress your child's learning and development in a happy and fun learning environment.

We will keep you up to date with regular monthly newsletters with a variety of useful information and important dates. However, our staff are always available to answer any questions or concerns that you may have.

As part of the Covid pandemic recovery, staff are undertaking the Early Years Professional Development Training provided by the government. This will enable them to better support all of our children's needs and we are looking forward to working together as a team and using the knowledge gained to further our children's development.

Sarah Wallis – Manager/Trustee

Welcome Marie:

At the end of the last academic year we were sorry to say goodbye to Liz Bennett who left the Pre-school after 23 years service. We wish Liz well in the future.

We are delighted to welcome back Marie Fenemore-Jones to our Pre-School Team. Marie has worked for many years in education as a TA at the Primary School, an LSA at Truro College and for many years at Preschool as Deputy Manager. Marie will be supporting the team with admin and special educational needs.

Children's Possessions:

Can we ask you to clearly name all your child's possessions such as coats, bags, lunch boxes and dummies etc as it makes it easier for the staff when helping to support children, especially as sometimes items are identical. Thanks.

Availability of Sessions

We currently have some sessions available if you know of any other children looking for a pre-school setting. Also feel free to contact Kathryn if you would like to increase your child's days too.

Packed Lunches:

The staff enjoy their packed lunches with the children. However, we have noticed that occasionally some items need to be cut. The Royal Society for the Prevention of Accidents recommends that some foods such as cherry tomatoes, grapes, blueberries, and sausages need to be chopped up to avoid the risk of choking. Their motto is, 'Don't Risk it, Quarter it' so could we please ask you to quarter anything in your child's lunch box that could cause choking. The Royal Society for the Prevention of Accidents has lots of useful information for parents on their website to keep families safe. If you would like to find out more visit <https://www.rospa.com>.

Polo Tops:

We have stocks of Threemilestone Pre-school polo tops.

We have sizes 3-4 years and 5-6 years at a cost of £10.00. If you would like a polo top, please speak to one of our members of staff.

We hope to have a few second-hand tops returned to us which we will be selling at £3.00.

Sun hats and Suncream:

Could we kindly ask you to apply sunscreen before your child attends the setting and provide us with a sun hat. Even on a less than sunny day children can easily burn. We do re-apply suncream at lunch time and if you like a particular brand, please place some in their bag. Thank you.

Accident/Incident Forms – EY Log

In the event your child has an accident or there is an incident during their day at Preschool, we will advise you of this by sending a notification through the EY Log. The notification will explain the circumstances of the accident/incident and the subsequent actions taken. However, if you have any concerns, you can ring us for clarification. So that we know that you have seen the notification, we ask that you complete a tick-box at the bottom, as this will generate confirmation to us that you have seen the accident/incident details.

This will also save time at the end of the day when children are being collected. The notifications are instant if your account has been activated. If you cannot access the EY Platform currently, please speak to Sarah or Kathryn so that we can check we have the correct email address.

Keyworkers:

We will shortly be allocating your child a keyworker now that they are more settled. A keyworker has an important role to ensure that all aspects of your child's learning and development is supported by experienced knowledge gained through positive interactions with your child. They can also support you if you have any concerns or queries with any aspect of your child's time at Pre-school. We will shortly be sending out letters.

However, if they are not available on a given day, our team including Sarah and Kathryn will be more than happy to deal with any issues or concerns you have.

Our telephone number is **01872 275349**. Alternatively, you can email us at sarah@threemilestone-preschool.co.uk or kathryn@threemilestone-preschool.co.uk

Registration Requirements:

Kathryn is in the process of gathering all the information and forms we need to complete the registration process, and these will be sent home via the children's bookbags.

Please return this paperwork as soon as possible. To claim the nursery education funding Kathryn will need sight of your child's birth certificate. Can you therefore please bring this to the setting.

Finally, if you change your mobile number or move address, please can you remember to tell us so that our records remain up to date.

Thank you.

Bibles After School Club:

Just to advise you that for those children attending Threemilestone School, we run an After-School Club for those children in Reception, Year 1 and Year 2. Staff collect the children from the school before returning to our pre-school building where they have snack, play games, being creative, play ball games outside etc. The After-School Club opens from 3-15 pm to 6 pm. If you are interested or need after-school provision, please speak to Dawn at Threemilestone School on 01872 263322.

Payment of Invoices:

For those parents who are paying for additional lunches and sessions invoices will be sent home in the bookbags by the end of this week with payment due on the last working date of this month. Our bank details are Barclays Bank, sort code 20-87-94, account number 23683559, account name of Threemilestone Preschool CIO. If you have any queries please speak to Kathryn.

Little Wandle:

We are really excited this year to be working with the Primary School on Phase 1 of Letters and Sounds. The aim is to encourage children to orally blend sounds before starting in Reception by participating in fun games and activities both at Preschool and at home. It is our intention to notify you weekly of the children's learning focus with suggested activities linked to the topic.

EY Log Learning Journals:

Each week your Keyworker will send you a notification through the EY Log platform of an observation they have made when working with your child related to the learning focus. We hope you enjoy reading these and your feedback is welcome. For those new parents, if you have not received an activation code for the EY Log platform, please let us know as the system is case sensitive to email addresses. We hope to start making observations next week as soon as the children have settled in fully.

Diary Dates:

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| 20th October 2023 | Inset Day (Closed) |
| 23rd - 27th October 2023 | Half Term Holidays |
| 30th October 2023 | Inset Day (Closed) |
| 19th December 2023 | Last Day of Term |
| 4th January 2024 | Spring Term Starts |
| 12th - 16th February 2023 | Half Term |
| 7th March 2024 | Last Day of Term |
| 15th April 2024 | Summer Term Starts |
| 6th May 2024 | Bank Holiday (Closed) |
| 27th - 31st May 2024 | Half Term |
| 23rd July 2024 | Last Day of Term |

Contact Details:

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Bookbags:

This week children will be coming home with their very own bookbag. We will be using these to send home letters and artwork so would be grateful if you could please ensure that your child brings them to every session. Whilst we have provided them free of charge, they cost us approximately £8 each so if you are able to make a donation this would be gratefully appreciated.

