

May 24

NEWSLETTER



Where Milestones are Achieved

Dear Preschool Family,

It is difficult to believe we are in the last term of this academic year. Over the last couple of months, the children have been really engaged in new learning. Cornish Week, celebrating St Piran's Day on the 5th March, was very successful and the children sang the 'Oggy' Song loud and proud every day. At Easter, a visit from the 'Easter Bunny' certainly surprised the children. They also enjoyed our Easter Egg Hunt.

Since returning from Easter, we have been focusing our activities on growing. The children listened to The Hungry Caterpillar story, enjoyed eating some of the fruit the hungry caterpillar ate for snack, and searching for pieces of wool representing caterpillars in the garden! Watermelon for snack was a particular favourite for our children as well as the Neapolitan ice cream cones we had as a treat! This week we have been listening to the Supertato story by Sue Hendra and Paul Linnet – just ask your child about the 'Evil Pea'!

Sarah, Kathryn, Marie, Tracey, Red Emily, Green Emily, Mandy, Lisa, Natalie, and Ria 😊

End of School Year Trip – Raze the Roof

We thought it would be nice to end this year by going to Raze the Roof in Penryn. We are therefore hoping to organise this trip on Tuesday, 23rd July which is the last day of term.

A letter will shortly be sent home with your child inviting you to join us. Our plan is to meet at Raze the Roof for 9.15 am. We have arranged entry for 9.30 am – 11.30 am but parents do have the option of remaining until 12.15 pm. The cost will be borne by the Pre-school and one parent per paying child is admitted free of charge. Any additional parent attending is £2.25. The staff will also be joining in the fun but will leave to return to the setting at 11.30 am. If you have any queries please speak to Sarah or Kathryn otherwise we are looking forward to having fun!

Outside Play:

As the weather seems to be finally improving, we will be using our outside area to learn. Therefore, we shall be grateful if you will kindly ensure suncream is applied prior to drop off and provide a hat for your child to wear. We have suncream available at the setting, but if you use a particular brand, please ensure you place this in your child's bookbag. We would also ask that you return the suncream letter of authority if you have not already done so to enable us to re-apply sunscreen after lunch.

As our outside area can be dusty/muddy, we would also suggest your child wears old clothes and suitable footwear with closed toes to pre-school. A change of clothes is also a good idea, particularly if we have had water play activities for the children to enjoy.

It is also helpful if you can label your child's clothing, lunch boxes and bags etc as we have an ever-increasing collection of uncollected items!

Old Fish Tank:

Can we ask that if you have an old unwanted fish tank which you no longer need, would you be able to kindly donate it to the Pre-school. Last year we watched tadpoles grow into frogs which the children were fascinated by. This year we are using our tank for stick insects, but we would very much like the children to experience the life cycle of frogs as well. If you can accommodate us, please speak to Ria.

Ey Log Accidents, Incidents & Pre-Existing Injuries:

As you will be aware we use the electronic learning journal to advise you of any accidents/incidents that have occurred during the day at Pre-school so that you are aware before collection of your child. If you have problems accessing the EY Log, please advise us so that we can re-send an activation link. We also need you to acknowledge these notifications by ticking the appropriate box in confirmation. Also, if your child sustains an injury at home, please complete the Pre-existing injuries pro forma on the EY Log prior to attendance. Thanks.

Transition to Primary Education:

If your child is starting primary school, you will have been advised of the school allocated in September 2024. We will be working with the new schools to ensure that the transition from our setting is a successful one. I know it is the intention of the reception teachers at Threemilestone School to pop over to visit our setting to get to know the children. If your child is attending a different setting, perhaps you could kindly advise one of our members of staff so that we can be in contact with that school.

We will also be undertaking tasks, such as changing for PE after the May half term to encourage your child to become more independent in their self-help skills. We will advise you when to bring in a PE Kit, (simply shorts, T-shirt and trainers named) so that we can practice dressing independently.

Many thanks.

Information Sharing – Partners as partners:

We aim to provide a secure and safe setting for all our children. From time to time there may be aspects of everyday life which affect a child's well being whilst at the setting. Sharing information with your child's keyworker, playleader or SENCO can help to support these difficult times. From a child's perspective, it is not always easy to understand their own emotions and simple things that as adults we overlook, can be worrying or upsetting for a child. We are therefore here to support families in any way we can with the benefit of our knowledge and experience.

Children's socks: We would appreciate any girls socks you may have spare please. Many thanks.

Diary Dates:

27 th -31 st May 2024	Half Term
23 rd July 2024	Raze The Roof Trip/ Last Day of Term
5 th Sept 2024	Start of the Autumn Term 2024

Thank You:

Can we just say thanks to all the parents who have engaged in the activities the children have been enjoying and for returning the little tasks we ask the children to complete with you. We have particularly enjoyed the 'Baby Photos'!

Cornwall Wildlife Trust's Wildlife Celebration Day:

This event is taking place at Trebah, Mawnan Smith on the 28th May 10 am – 4 pm. Activities include rock pooling, a minibeast safari and bird-box creations. It's a free event for Cornwall Wildlife Trust members. For more information contact Sam on 07825 070612 or email sam.lucock@cornwallwildlifetrust.org.uk

Absences due to sickness, holidays, etc:

Can we ask you to kindly call us on 01872 275349 if your child will not be attending Pre-school on the days we are expecting them please.

Late Collection of Children:

Can we remind parents that collection in the afternoon is 3 pm. We appreciate that on occasions there may be times when you are going to be late due to circumstances beyond your control and if this is the case, please give us a ring. We do however make a charge of £6.00 for collection later than 10 minutes if this is a regular occurrence as staff cannot complete their end of day tasks before the after school club come into the setting.

Healthy Lunch Box Leaflet:

Sometime ago we sent home a leaflet with suggestions for a healthy lunch box for your information. One of our staff members designed this leaflet as part of her Level 3 qualification in Early Years and we thought it was worthy of sharing with you. I wonder if you would now be able to provide us with any feedback on its contents. If you can, please speak to Natalie or Sarah.

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