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NEWSLETTER



Where Milestones are Achieved

Dear Preschool Family,

Welcome back to all our children and their families after the summer holidays and for those children who have only just started, we are especially delighted to meet you and we are looking forward to sharing your learning adventure. Each week we like to plan our activities around a story. We hope to let you know via our EY Log System a week in advance so that you can enjoy learning with your child too! We have found that children really like this approach to developing new skills and enjoying fun activities. Our electronic learning journal system gives parents the opportunity to upload photos and a brief description of activities completed at home. We are always delighted to read and share these with your child and their friends at the setting as part of our parents in partnership approach. Finally, our staff are pleased to support you and your child in any way we can so if you have any concerns, please let us know.

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

Starting School – September 2025

Once again, it's time to apply for a place in a reception class if your child is born between the 1st September 2020 and the 31st August 2021. To apply you need to complete an application form by visiting: www.cornwall.gov.uk/admissions. It is really important to make sure you apply before the deadline date of the **15th January 2025** so your application can be considered in the first allocation of spaces. In the event of a school being oversubscribed, the school's oversubscription criteria will be used. If you have any queries, feel free to speak to Sarah.

Setting SENCO:

Our setting SENCO is Tracey Dunstan. Tracey is an experienced Special Educational Needs Co-ordinator who has supported many children over the years. We are an inclusive setting and recognise that all children learn in different ways and at a different pace. However, as part of our day-to-day working with the children, we continually assess all children's strengths and difficulties, particularly following the Covid Pandemic. We are also committed to ensuring that your child receives the best possible start in their education so if you have any concerns with your child's development, please contact Tracey who is here to support you. If Tracey is unavailable, Sarah, with nearly twenty five years' experience in child development, will also be pleased to help.

Invoices:

We are attempting to reduce the amount of paper we use so we intend to email invoices for payment of lunches or sessions electronically by email. Can we ask you therefore to carefully write your email address if requested. We try to issue invoices at the beginning of the month for payment to be made by the end of that month. If you have any problems or require any other information however, please speak to Kathryn or send an email to kathryn@threemilestone-preschool.co.uk.

Keyworkers:

All children are required by our Framework to be allocated a keyworker. Letters will shortly be coming home to explain the role of a keyworker but in the meantime, you will receive an observation this week, introducing your child's keyworker. Each member of staff has written a short personal introduction which we hope you will enjoy reading. However, if you have any concerns, queries or require support please speak to any of our team who will be delighted to assist you.

Sun Protection Permissions:

Just to remind parents to return these if you haven't already do so. I appreciate we are approaching the winter months but last week it was hot!

Positive Parenting Top Tip!

Together for Families regularly produce a newsletter for parents with useful information, guidance and support. Here is one of their Top Tips!

Praise and Encouragement

Why do we praise? Praising your child for positive behaviours raises their self-esteem and confidence and makes them feel good. It encourages behaviour you want to see more of.

How do we praise? There are so many ways to praise, for example visual praise such as high 5's, thumbs up or hugs; overhead praise and labelled praise.

Labelled praise is specific praise where you tell the child exactly what it is they have done well such as 'thank you for putting your plate by the sink' or 'well done for trying to put your shoes on'.

It is important to praise the effort, not just the outcomes or end result. You cannot spoil a child with too much praise so catch them doing something good and praise them.

We shall be doing the same at Pre-school as part of our emphasis on personal, social and emotional development and communication and language. Even as adults, praise is appreciated!

Lending Library:

We have a large supply of children's story books which we are happy to share with you. During every session, we encourage children to choose a book which they put into their book bags for you to enjoy reading together. Can we remind you therefore to bring your child's book bag everyday. Children love stories being read to them and it is a good way to introduce new vocabulary and extend their listening and attention skills.

Home-Start Kernow:

From time to time, we will share information with you about services that are available to you.

Home-Start Kernow offers support, friendship and practical help to parents with children under 5 throughout Cornwall. Parents may struggle at one time or another, you are not alone, that's when Home-Start Kernow can help.

Home-Start offer a variety of groups for families and most groups operate every week during term time. Most families will get 6 months of group support, some may be offered places for longer if addition support is needed or needs change.

If you need their support just visit :

<https://homestartkernow.org.uk/group-support/>

Diary Dates:

25 th Oct 2024	Closed – Inset Day
28 th Oct – 1 st Nov 2024	Half Term Holiday
4 th Nov 2024	Closed – Inset Day
20 th Dec 2024	Last Day of Term
	No Bibbles After-school Club
6 th Jan 2025	First day of Spring Term
17 th Feb – 21 st Feb 2025	Half Term Holiday
4 th Apr 2025	Last Day of Spring Term
	No Bibbles After-school Club
22 nd Apr 2025	First Day of Summer Term
5 th May 2025	Bank Holiday
26 th May – 30 th May 2025	Half Term Holiday
22 nd Jul 2025	End of Academic Year

Nursery Education Funding:

Kathryn is in the process of applying for the Nursery Education Funding applicable to your child. In due course Kathryn will be asking you to sign the relevant form. We also need to see sight of your child's Birth Certificate together with a National Insurance Number for a parent if you have not already supplied us with these details. Also just to remind you to renew any eligibility codes. If you need to obtain a new code for the extended 30 hours funding to be eligible in the Spring Term you need to apply before the 31st December 2024. You can check your eligibility on the Government Website through the link below:

<https://www.childcarechoices.gov.uk>



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