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# NEWSLETTER



Where Milestones are Achieved

## Dear Preschool Family,

Welcome back after the half term holidays. I cannot believe that it is only 7 weeks to Christmas and then we will be a third of the way through the academic year. We will be busy over the next few weeks as the children will be making lots of lovely things to bring home at the end of term. I am sure you will treasure them as memories of happy days at Pre-school. I know some of my own children's decorations are still enjoyed at Christmas!

The children have been enthusiastic learners over the last half term and I hope you have enjoyed reading our observations. We will continue to keep you updated weekly by sharing this information through the EY Log. Thank you too for engaging at home in some of the activities and links we have sent out. We also like to see observations you send us. We share these with your child and it is delightful to see such proud faces!

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 1<sup>st</sup> September 2020 and the 31<sup>st</sup> August 2021. To apply you need to complete an application form by visiting: [www.cornwall.gov.uk/admissions](http://www.cornwall.gov.uk/admissions). It is really important to make sure you apply before the deadline date of the **15<sup>th</sup> 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.

## Children in Need:

This year for Children in Need we thought it would great for the children to come to Pre-school in their PJ's and bring a bedtime story to share with their keyworker for an optional donation of £1.00.

Over many years, this very worthy charity has worked to support children in our local community in a variety of ways. For example, The Wave Project, based in Cornwall and funded by BBC Children in Need's "A Million and Me" campaign, offers a type of therapy you may not immediately think of. It's "surf therapy" and it's being prescribed by GPs for children and young people to improve their mental health.

If you would like to know more, the link to The Wave Project is below:

[The Wave Project \(Cornwall\) - BBC Children in Need](#)

## Christmas Nativity Play:

This year our Christmas Nativity Play will be performed on Monday, 16<sup>th</sup> December at 9 am on the stage at Threemilestone School. We are also planning to have a special visitor join us after the performance, "Ho, ho, ho!" All children will be involved in our Play, even if they do not normally attend on a Monday, however, they will need to be dropped and collected by parents/carers. We allow 3 tickets per family, although there are usually a few spare if needed. We will also have some lovely prizes in our Raffle too! More details to follow.

## Newsletters:

Just to say, we post the latest newsletter on the EY Log Platform for you to read at your leisure as well as pinning it to our Noticeboard. They are also available to view on our Website, together with other useful information such as our Weekly Focus of Learning. [Threemilestone PreSchool - Home](#)

## Spare Clothes:

If you have any boys trousers your child has grown out of, we shall be grateful if you will kindly donate them to the Pre-school as we regularly needs spares especially after playing outside!

### Language Service at Cornwall Libraries:

LOTE 4 Kids is an online collection of digital children's books in over 70 languages, allowing children to access picture books that they can enjoy in LOTE (Languages Other Than English). The collection includes over 4,500 books, with new books and languages released each month. You'll also find British Sign Language versions, along with spoken languages and world sign languages. Each book has an English translation too and the bilingual options allow children to learn a language as they go. You will also find related activities, such as colouring pages, for some of the stories.

All you need is a Cornwall Libraries Card Number which will allow you to access the resource via the App Store or Google Play store on a computer or mobile device at the LOTE4Kids Website: [www.lote4kids.com/uk-cornwall-council-libraries](http://www.lote4kids.com/uk-cornwall-council-libraries).

To join Truro Library all you need to do is complete an Adult Registration Form or a Children's Registration Form and take it in. Alternatively, you can fill out an application at the Library in Union Place, Truro. Opening times are Monday-Friday, 9 am – 5 pm and Saturday between 10 am – 4 pm.

Children may obtain a library card at the age of 5 or upon entering school. However, a parent or guardian must accompany children applying for cards. Alternatively, you can join online at <https://www.cornwall.gov.uk/libraries-museums-and-archives/libraries/your-online-library>

### 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.

### Snack Time:

At Pre-school, we aim to encourage the children to learn about the benefits of a healthy lifestyle and diet which is reflected in our Snack Menu.

We provide a morning and an afternoon snack based on suggested guidelines provided for Early Years and children are also offered a choice of milk or water to drink. Our snacks aim to provide 10% of your child's nutritional daily intake. A typical snack will be a slice of fruit and a vegetable stick together with a baton of cheese, a breadstick or half a rice cracker.

During the session, water is always available for children to drink. However, at lunch time we do allow children to have access to their own bottle which you provide with a drink of their choice. Lunchtimes are supervised by the staff who also join the children at the table with their own pack lunches. Can we kindly ask however that you cut food types which can be a choke hazard for young children such as grapes into long quarters as we mentioned in our previous Newsletter. Also, for the same reason, we would suggest only fruit Muller Corners. Finally, if your child has any special dietary requirements or food allergies, please let us know so that we can ensure we respect these or keep children safe from known allergens. If you require any further information, please speak to one of our Team.

### Diary Dates:

15<sup>th</sup> Nov 2024

PJ's Day for Children in Need

12<sup>th</sup> Dec 2024

Christmas Jumper Day

16<sup>th</sup> Dec 2024

Christmas Nativity Play

20<sup>th</sup> Dec 2024

Last Day of Term

No Bibbles After-school Club

6<sup>th</sup> Jan 2025

First day of Spring Term

17<sup>th</sup> Feb – 21<sup>st</sup> Feb 2025

Half Term Holiday

4<sup>th</sup> Apr 2025

Last Day of Spring Term

No Bibbles After-school Club

22<sup>nd</sup> Apr 2025

First Day of Summer Term

5<sup>th</sup> May 2025

Bank Holiday

26<sup>th</sup> May – 30<sup>th</sup> May 2025

Half Term Holiday

22<sup>nd</sup> Jul 2025

End of Academic Year

### Notification of Accidents/Incidents

We shall be grateful if you will kindly tick the box indicated for parents to sign so that we know you have read the notification. Many thanks.



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