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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

Just a reminder that it is really important that you apply for a place in a reception class if your child is born between the 1st September 2020 and the 31st August 2021 before the cut off date of the **15th January 2025**. To apply you need to complete an application form by visiting: www.cornwall.gov.uk/admissions. If you have any queries, feel free to speak to Sarah.

Wet Weather Procedures:

I'm pleased to say that despite some parts of the country recently experiencing snow, we have escaped it for the time being at least! In the event we do have snow, please check your EY Log messages, our Website or listen to local radio for our opening times/closure. We follow the same decisions on opening as the main primary school so if you hear on the radio or read on local news websites that Threemilestone School is closed then it is safe to assume that we will also be closed. However, we should be able to advise you via the EY Log Platform on the day.

Christmas Nativity Play:

This year our Christmas Nativity Play will be performed on Monday, 16th 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.

Animals on the School/Pre-school site:

Just to say, that the primary school do not allow animals on the premises, including ours, even if they are carried by yourselves. We shall be grateful therefore if you will kindly securely tie up dogs outside of the school or if you have a young puppy please keep safely in your car or at home. Many thanks.

Children in Need:

Thank you for your support and I'm pleased to say that we raised £36.00 in donations. We all enjoyed wearing our pyjamas and slippers for the day!

Last Day of Term – 20th December 2024:

Although the primary school closes early at 1.15 pm we do run a normal session. However, if your child has an older sibling, you are more than welcome to collect them early from the Pre-school.

The Risks of Button Batteries:

With Christmas approaching and the enjoyment new toys and gifts bring to children, it is important to consider safety aspects which may affect your child particularly from the risks of button batteries. Button batteries are small, round, silver-coloured batteries that come in many different sizes and types. They power many of our devices at home to make our lives more convenient. Most button batteries pass through the body without a problem. But if a lithium coin cell battery gets stuck in the food pipe, energy from the battery reacts with saliva to create caustic soda. This is the same chemical used to unblock drains!

This can burn through the food pipe, to the main artery and lead to catastrophic internal bleeding and death. The chemical reaction can happen in as little as two hours. However, sometimes it takes days or even weeks. Lithium coin cell batteries can also cause life-changing injuries. There is a risk that the food pipe is too badly damaged for a child to eat normally again or the vocal cords are too badly damaged for a child to speak normally again. **Five top tips:**

Look: Look around your home for button batteries. Think toys, lights, remote controls and more.

Check: Check for products with loose backs and button batteries that have dropped out.

Store: Store button batteries in a safe place, up high and out of your child's reach.

Dispose: Dispose of used button batteries as soon as you can. They are still unsafe.

Act: IF YOU SUSPECT YOUR CHILD HAS SWALLOWED A BUTTON BATTERY, ACT FAST

- Take them straight to the A&E department at your local hospital or dial 999 for an ambulance.
- Tell the doctor there that you think your child has swallowed a button battery.
- If you have the battery packaging or the product powered by the battery, take it with you. This will help the doctor identify the type of battery and make treatment easier.
- Do not let your child eat or drink.
- Do not make them sick.
- Trust your instincts and act fast – do not wait to see if any symptoms develop.

Hopefully adopting these tips will keep your child safe. The Child Accident Prevent Trust also has a host of useful information to keep your child safe. Visit: <https://capt.org.uk>

Diary Dates:

16 th Dec 2024	Christmas Nativity Play
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

Christmas Jumper Day – Thursday, 12th December 2024

We will be inviting the children to wear a Christmas Jumper or T-shirt on Christmas Jumper Day if they would like to join in the fun!

Outside Play Area:

Our outside area, with the recent rain we have, had is rather muddy. We have a supply of wellies the children put on to go outside but we would suggest they don't come dressed in their best clothes!



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