June 2025

# **NEWSLETTER**



Where Milestones are Achieved

## **Dear Preschool Family,**

We are fast approaching the end of the academic year and will be sad to say goodbye to our School Leavers.

This year the staff have particularly enjoyed teaching activities and introducing new learning based on much loved stories and the staff's favourite books. We hope you have enjoyed sharing these with us too. We will be choosing a further selection of favourite books to enjoy during the next academic year starting on the 2<sup>nd</sup> September 2025.

Finally, we wish all our School Leavers well at their new schools and hope you have a fantastic summer holiday.

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



## Stay & Play Afternoon - Wednesday, 9th July 1.30 pm - 3 pm

Hopefully everyone has had a note about our Stay & Play afternoon we are organising in response to a suggestion made by some of our parents. We hope the weather will be kind as we hope to have some of the children's favourite activities we have completed over the year, related to the books we have been reading.

We also thought it would be lovely to create bunting to represent this year's cohort with parents and children working together using their artistic skills. We will then make the bunting to brightened up our outdoor area! We are looking forward to sharing these experiences with you on the 9th.

#### **Transitions to Primary School/Changing for PE:**

Over the next few weeks, we will be undertaking activities to support children going into primary education. One of these activities will be changing for PE and we shall be grateful if you will kindly organize a change of clothes for your child to change into and bring them to the setting for the week of the 30<sup>th</sup> June and the 7<sup>th</sup> July. The children will then take part in some sports activities on the school field. For those younger children attending in the morning, whilst we do not expect them to change, they will be taking part in our physical activities so suitable footwear would be appreciated. For those children attending other Primary Schools we are more than happy to speak to the new school to ensure a smooth transition.

## Academic Year 2025-2026

Just a reminder to make sure parents have spoken to Kathryn regarding the sessions they would like their child to attend next year, particularly as we have limited spaces available. For those parents accessing the additional 15 hour entitlement for working parents, you will need to obtain an eligibility code dated before the 31st August 2025 if you wish to claim funding in the Autumn Term. Below is the link if you wish to obtain such a code or check your eligibility.

If you are already in receipt of 30 hours and your child is returning in September, you will need to renew your coding. Our Deputy Manager, Kathryn has extensive knowledge, with most aspects of the funding, and will be happy to deal with any queries you may have. Kathryn's email address is

kathryn@threemilestone-preschool.co.uk

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#### A change in our Staffing:

Starting from September 2025, there will be a small adjustment to our staffing structure. "Red Emily" will now be our Administrator, handling daily administrative duties in the Office. If Sarah or Kathryn are unavailable, Emily will be more than happy to assist you.

We are also pleased to announce that Lisa will become our new Play Leader on Thursdays and Fridays, while "Green Emily" will be moving to a Monday and Tuesday. Tracey will continue to be our Play Leader on a Wednesday morning. We are truly delighted that Lisa will be stepping into this new role, as she is a very competent and well-liked member of our staff and a wonderful colleague.

## Penhaligon's Friends – Family Fun Day – 28th June:

As part of our 30th Anniversary celebrations we are delighted to be holding a Penhaligon's Friends Family Fun Day! Why not join us for a fun-filled day to help us celebrate?

Here are the details: Saturday 28th June 2025

Rayle Farm Events Venue, Bridge Hill, Redruth TR16 4QP

11am - 3pm

It will be a fab day out for the whole family, including:

FREE forest school activities for children!

FREE storytelling with children's author Alasdair Hoswell!

LIVE music throughout the day, supported by Cornwall's REWIND Radio Crew!

Bouncy castles, laser tag and lots of fun activities for children.

Great selection of food and drink vendors on site.

Lots of craft and other stalls.

HUGE raffle with great prizes to be won!

There's a small entry fee of £3 per person, with free entry for under 2's.

We look forward to seeing you there!

The Penhaligon's Friends Team



#### End of Summer Term 2025:

I am sure you are aware that we are approaching the end of this academic year. Our last full day will be the 21st July. On the 22nd July there will be no sessions as we are inviting parents and their child to join us at Raze the Roof in Penryn. Details have already gone out to parents but if you have not received them, please let one of us know and we will re-issue another letter. So that we can ensure all parents are aware of the trip, can we please ask you to return the reply slip even if you are unable to attend. The staff are looking forward to seeing you there.

## **Outdoor Play & Good Weather:**

The weather is looking good for the next week or so at least so we shall be grateful if you will kindly apply sunscreen to your child before dropping off in the morning. We re-apply sunscreen after lunch using a 5 star rated sensitive sunscreen. However, if you would prefer your child to use a certain brand please can you pop a named one in your child's bag. Whilst we have also made improvements to our garden, it is still very muddy and dusty so we would recommend you dress your child in old clothes. This year's cohort absolutely love learning in the outdoor environment particularly with water and mud!

#### **Forthcoming Change in Opening Hours:**

Just to let parents know that the main primary school is amending their term times and holiday weeks from September 2025 by re-organising the inset days over the academic year. Our opening times will also reflect this change which means that we will be returning to Pre-school on Tuesday, 2<sup>nd</sup> September 2025. As a result of rescheduling their training days, it also means that October half term will now be for **two weeks** to include the weeks beginning the 20th October 2025 and the 27th October 2025. We appreciate that you may need to organise suitable childcare arrangements based around these dates so thought you would appreciate early notification.

#### **Healthy Lunch Boxes:**

As part of our Ofsted Inspection, the Inspector was pleased to see that we gave parents guidance on preparing Healthy Pack Lunches and to further our commitment, suggested that because of the amount of sugar added to foods children like to eat, that ideally children should have just water at lunch times or a very diluted juice.

We understand that hidden sugars are not good for many reasons, including the impact on teeth and future eating habits of our young children so fully appreciate the sentiments. We also recognize that it is parental choice, based on your child's likes and dislikes, that reflect in children's packed lunch boxes everyday. However, we thought we would just share these healthy practices with you.

