

June 24

# NEWSLETTER



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## Dear Preschool Family,

As we approach the end of another academic year, we will be focusing our learning over the next few weeks in getting ready for school so the children will be changing for PE independently, eating 'whole' fruit for snack, drawing and writing their name independently as well as meeting their new class teachers. If at any point you have concerns about your child's transition to their new school, please speak to one of the playleaders or Sarah who will be more than happy to listen to your concerns and answer any queries you may have.

In the meantime, thank you for sending us some very cute baby photos of your child, the children have loved seeing pictures of themselves as babies and toddlers - we have even had staff bring in some black and white ones!

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

## End of School Year Trip – Raze the Roof

Just to remind you about our end of term trip this year is to Raze the Roof on Tuesday, 23<sup>rd</sup> July. We recently sent home an invitation for you to join us for a fun morning on the last day of term. If you have not returned your reply slip, could you kindly do so in the next couple of days so that we can confirm numbers with the venue.

There will be no sessions on the 23<sup>rd</sup> July because of the trip, so our last full day will be Monday, 22<sup>nd</sup> July. If you have any queries regarding our end of term event, please speak to one of our members of staff.

## Change of mobile numbers/change of address:

Can we ask you to kindly keep us up-to-date with any changes in your mobile numbers or address so that we can note these on your registration form. This also includes any family member/friends on the authorised to collect list. Sometimes it is necessary to contact you, especially in an emergency, so its important that we have the correct information on file.

Also, if for any reason you are unable to collect your child, we can release to a person not on your list, as long as you notify the setting and provide that person with the password we hold for you.

## Staff Changes:

We would like to welcome Chloe Dillnutt to our Pre-school team. Chloe, in her short time at the setting, has become a popular member of staff who has displayed excellent skills in her interactions with the children and we are delighted that she has joined our Team.

On a sad note, Mandy Freeman will be retiring from the Pre-school at the end of this academic year. Mandy has been a member of staff for well over 30 years and we appreciate the commitment she has shown in that time to supporting the learning and development of so many children. Mandy also works hard on the beef farm she runs with her husband, and many calves have been given the name of our students over the years including my own twins, Greg and Georgia! We will miss Mandy's wisdom, experience, drawing skills and dedication to the setting, but wish her well in the next exciting chapter of her life.

## Transition to Primary Education in September 2024/PE Kits:

At this time of the year, we support children to make the transition to primary education. We like to encourage them to be able to be independent in their own self-help skills and will therefore be changing for PE every day for the next couple of weeks. Can we ask you to provide an extra pair of trainers, shorts and T-shirts in a named bag so that we can practice changing for PE. We then intend to have a variety of games and races on the school field. The younger children do not need a change of clothes but will still join in our PE activities.

### Teaching Children How to be Safe On-line:

This week our focus of learning is about being safe on-line. Children loving using technology such as iPads and smartphones from a young age. Children however need to be supported in these environments to get the best out of using the internet right from the start.

Creating a family agreement is a useful way to establish your expectations in remaining safe on-line such as agreeing time limits on using technology, placing or using computers/tablets in a busy part of the house and removing portable devices from your child's bedroom at night to avoid tiredness. Education is also the best tool we have in ensuring our children remain safe on-line so its important to encourage your child to say if something or someone upsets them on line.

We have been reading Chicken Clicking this week which uses a story to remind children that 'friends' made online are still strangers. There are also a series of books on Childnet, a UK-based charity working in partnership with others around the world to help make the internet a great and safe place for children and young people, called Digiduck. These stories explore on-line safety and have been written with 3-7 year old children in mind. For more information, visit the website through the below link:  
<https://www.childnet.com/resources/digiduck-stories/digiducks-big-decision>

**Threemilestone School Summer Fayre:** Thanks to all the parents who sent in donations for our Tombola stall which we held at the School's Summer Fayre. I am delighted to say that we raised £165 for the Pre-school which we plan to put towards our end of term event at Raze the Roof on the 23<sup>rd</sup> July 2024!

### Diary Dates:

23 <sup>rd</sup> July 2024	Raze The Roof Trip/ Last Day of Term
5 <sup>th</sup> Sept 2024	Start of the Autumn Term 2024

### Sun Hats/Sun Cream:

Hopefully, with the weather improving, we will be in the garden for longer periods. Can we remind you to apply sun cream before arriving at the setting and include a sun hat in your child's bag. We do re-apply sun cream after lunch and provide shelter where we can. However, as you will appreciate the effects of ultra violet light can be dangerous so we would appreciate your help in keeping your child safe. Many thanks.

### Threemilestone School – Reception Teachers:

Over the next few weeks, we hope to welcome Mr Knight and Miss Grubb, the Reception Teachers at Threemilestone School into the setting to get to know the school leavers. For those children not attending Threemilestone School, we will make arrangements with the new school to support the transition process. If your child has taster sessions available and will not be in Pre-school, just let us know, as it's also an exciting talking point with the children. We are more than happy to have visits from the new Class Teachers too!

### BBC Tiny Happy People:

With the summer holidays fast approaching, the BBC Tiny Happy People put together last year some suggested activities you can do over the summer holidays with your little ones at home. The Website also has some useful tips and advice on a wide range of parenting topics including language development, emotional development, play, routines, parent wellbeing, Speech and Language and SEND. Why not take a look using the link below:

[23 Fun and Free Family Activities for Summer - BBC Tiny Happy People](#)

### Allocation of Sessions required 2024/2025:

For those children staying at pre-school, Kathryn will shortly be sending out a note/or speaking to you to ask what sessions you would like next year. If you have not already done so, you can check out your eligibility for the 15 hours 2 year old entitlement and the 30 hours 3-4 year entitlement for working parents by visiting: <https://www.childcarechoices.gov.uk>



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