



Newsletter Autumn Term 2014

Hello Everyone!

Welcome back to pre-school for the autumn term. I'd like to take this opportunity to extend a very warm welcome to the new children and families that have joined us this term. Our new little people have settled in well and already beginning to form new friendships.

Although the autumn term is always quieter due to the volume of children who left us to move onto their primary schools, we have children waiting in the wings to join us in the coming months. However, we currently have spaces available, so if anyone has expressed an interest in sending their child to Stepping Stones, we urge them to contact us now, as we will then reserve a place for their child.

The New Website

Please check out our new website!

<http://bramfieldpreschool.co.uk/>

Here you will find all the latest information about Bramfield Stepping Stones and links to useful websites such as the Suffolk County Council link which includes information such the lunch menu and facts on 2 and 3/4 year old funding.

Please take a look at our website and share with your friends. If there is anything else you think should be included on the website, please let us know.

Signing in and out

Please remember to write your **child's name** and **time of arrival** on the signing in sheet **when you arrive at pre-school**. When you **collect** your child at the end of the session please write down the **collection time and sign your name**. Your signature denotes that your child is back in your care. It is vital that this sheet is accurate, as we primarily use this as reference during fire evacuation procedures etc, as it indicates exactly who is on site at any given time.

Please also take care when ticking for school dinner or packed lunch, as the primary school requires accurate numbers by 9.30 am. If your child is not staying for lunch, just put a line through the lunch section. The new school cook, Peter, needs our dinner requirements by 9.30 at the latest.

Learning Journeys

As you know, all of the children have their own personal 'Learning Journey' document that begins with us the moment they join Pre-school. This is part of the Early Years Foundation Stage that we work to and is a unique personal profile which monitors your child's progress during their time with us. These are then passed on to your child's next setting, usually primary school, when they leave us. We'd like to remind you that you are welcome to look at your child's Learning Journey at any time.

A year ago we introduced the on-line version of the Learning Journey which has proven a huge success, so much so that many Suffolk settings have sought our advice regarding set-up, use etc. The majority of our Learning Journeys are now the online version which enables parents and families to access their child's personal profile at **any time** and from anywhere in the world! If you have requested the paper format for your child's Learning Journey, remember that you can view it at any time upon request, just speak to your child's key person or Anna and Craig.

We really appreciate and enjoy reading the comments and information and seeing the photos that you, our parents, and families leave. This is a great insight into your children's world outside of pre-school and helps us plan activities specifically with your child's interests and development in mind . Thank You!

Wellie Bags

As you know, every child has a brightly coloured Morrisons bag on their peg, labelled with their name. On arrival at Pre-school we ask that you place your child's wellies, (and any other items of outdoor clothing, e.g. hats, gloves etc) in their labelled bags. If necessary take the items home at the end of each session but please leave the bag on the peg.



As you will appreciate, getting up to 18 children ready to play outside in the autumn and winter months is very time consuming. This can be achieved far quicker if we don't have to search for items, but can just take wellies from named bags. This also encourages your child's independence and this way the children will access outside play much faster. We do have a selection of spare wellies, but finding a suitable pair can be very time consuming. It is therefore far better if you can provide your own.

Drawers

Every child has a named drawer in which they place their completed craft activities and items from home. These are located in the main room. Feel free to come in and check your child's drawer regularly.

NUT ALLERGY REMINDER

Please can we request that children do not bring any type of nuts in their packed lunch, as there are now two children with severe nut allergies in the primary school.

Individual photos

A visit by the photographer was planned for October to take individual photos and sibling groups but sadly has had to cancel due to personal circumstances. We are in the process of finding a new photographer, but if anyone knows of someone they can personally recommend we welcome your suggestions. The whole group photo will be taken in the spring term.

Autumn term dates

Autumn term begins 8th September 2014 ends 19 December 2014
(Closed for half term Monday 27th to Friday 31st October)

Looking forward to a fun packed autumn term

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