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Newsletter

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Welcome Back

Hope you all enjoy the May half term and we welcome you back to a fun filled final term.

Term Dates

We return on Tuesday 4th June 2019.

Stay and Play session –Tuesday 11th June
11.15 – 12.15 (*Note date change*)

Trip – 26th June 2019 see separate letter

Last day of term is Friday 19th July with
Party day on Monday 22nd July (see
separate section).

We return on Wednesday 4th September
2019.

Party

Party day will be on **Monday 22nd July**. If you would like your child to attend please send in £5 in a named envelope, this is to cover the cost of the entertainer for the party. NB – Please leave toys at home.

AM – 9.15 till 12.00 – This party is **for children who will be returning to us in September**.

PM – 11.45 till 2 – This party is for **2019 Leavers** – Please drop your child via the side gate, through garden and into the committee room door. The Leavers play will commence at 2, parents, carers and grandparents are invited in to watch. Doors will open at 1.50 and we will be closing them at 2 so we don't disturb the children whilst they perform!

If your child is attending the party – you will be given a named paper plate, in advance, to provide your child's party food. Please give this to a member of staff/or place on the table as you arrive at the party.

Show & Tell

During this half term we will be looking at Ourselves. We would encourage your child to bring in a named item as follows –
w/c 4th June & 10th June – photo of your child as a baby and now. **w/c 17th June** – 'look what I can do' certificate.
w/c 24th June & 1st July – Photo of family and/or pets. **w/c 8th July** – Favourite toy (please name), **w/c 15th July** – Free choice

Sickness

If your child has experienced sickness or diarrhoea they may not return to Pre-school until they have been symptom free for 48 hrs under Ofsted guidelines. If your child has a temperature or is unwell enough to require "Calpol" please do not bring them into preschool

Financial Support

If you are having difficulties paying your fee's, or any other payments related to the preschool, then please speak to Angie or Angela.

Safeguarding - Reporting Absence

In line with Ofsted recommendations, please inform us if your child is to be absent for any reason; sickness, holiday, an appointment (yourself or your child), visiting family etc. For attendance of less than 80% could result in funding being withdrawn.

Summer!

With summer approaching and the sun finally shining, can we please request that all children have suncream applied before they arrive at preschool. We don't apply suncream. Please also provide a sun hat and ensure footwear is appropriate ie – no open toe shoes. Thank you.

Children's bags

We have now labelled all supplied bags, but could we please request that **all child have a bag**, to include a change of clothes, sometimes children need to be changed due to water play or paint, we have limited stock and children tend to prefer their own things. Please ensure you supply sufficient amounts of required items – ie nappies, knickers/pants, etc... **Please do not leave anything in bags that children should NOT have**, e.g creams, medication etc as the bags are accessible during session. **We now supply nappy sacks** so you no longer need to.

Equally, **can you please check coat pockets** for small items, and coins!

Photo's

With our leavers play approaching - We would just like to reiterate that you can not publish any pictures or videos on any form of social media or share any pictures taken of our preschool children. Our Safeguarding procedures are in place to protect all children and as you have not been given parental consent you may not take photo's of other children. Taking photo's of your own child for personal use is obviously acceptable. Thank you for your understanding and co-operation.

Committee Members

If you would be interested in joining the committee in order to shape the future of the Preschool, please speak to Angela or Angie, or email - info@blackmorepreschool.co.uk.



Stay and Play Sessions



Stay and Play sessions are a wonderful opportunity for you to see our preschool through your children's eyes. We invite you to come in to experience an hour of your child's day. During this time, your child will lead you to various activities in the hall or garden so you can play together. Staff are available to support your play and chat to, although if you want to speak about your children's specific development please arrange an appointment. We request no siblings on these dates so that you can have dedicate time for you and your preschool child and to ensure our toys are appropriate for the age of the children present.

The next Stay and Play is Tuesday 11th June (Please note change of date). We look forward to seeing you.

New dates for the next academic year will be shown in the next Newsletter.

Staff Members



Angela Angie Karen Jane Melanie Erica Julie Anna Lorraine Danielle Emma

Parent Viewings

Viewings have now taken place, if you didn't get the opportunity to see your Key Person please speak with them to arrange a viewing.

We will be arranging another viewing with the **2019 Leavers** for a final time to discuss the 'school ready' checklist (at the end of June).

If your **child joined us after Easter** we will also be making arrangements to discuss your child's development and starting points with you.

We will be **seeing all Parents who return to us after October half term.**

We are always available should you need to discuss any matter before then.

'look what I can do'

To support your child's learning journal and to work in partnership with us, we invite you to complete a 'look what I can do'. These are blank certificates we hold in setting (usually in foyer), these are completed by you to celebrate your child's achievements at home and then shared with us. These can be big achievements or little ones – ie learning to ride a bike, learning to clean their own teeth, sleep alone, being kind to a sibling, counting, singing, etc.... These can be completed and returned anytime, but are a show and tell item week commencing 17th June.

Lunch Club

Lunch club, on Wednesday's and Friday's is available for children approaching 3 years.

You can book and pay half termly at a cost of £2.50 or pay £3.00 at short notice.

Please cut cherry tomatoes, grapes, blueberries, etc in half and don't provide items that could be a choking hazard.

Please ensure **lunch boxes do not contain nuts or any products containing nuts, if Nut items are present in lunch boxes these will be returned unopened. If home cooked items (ie cakes) are included, please let us know the ingredients, or a note showing nut free. Thank you.**

With the warm weather approaching and lunch boxes only kept in a cool bag can we request a 'coldpack' be placed in the lunchboxes to keep your child's lunch cold, especially if lunch boxes contain items such as prawns, etc...

To encourage an Independent school ready lunchtime, please ensure **Lunch Boxes are healthy and child friendly** – ie easy to open, not too many lidded boxes, foil instead of clingfilm and named. **We also request no chocolate, sweets or fizzy drinks.**

Please ensure your child's name is on the lunchbox and visible from the outside. Thank you.

. Late collection and arrival

A big thank you to those parents who drop off and collect on time, however, we must request that all parents are on time. Unless you have an arrangement with us, children should arrive at 9.15, if parents arrive late, it delays staff being able to start activities with your children.

Equally children who are left with the adults on the carpet, at the end of session, alone, aren't happy, even if it's only for a few minutes. A

late fee for collecting your child later than 15 minutes after session end is in place.

Policies

Policies are available for you to view on our website – www.blackmorepreschool.co.uk. If you require a copy of these, please let Angie or Angela know.

Curriculum Planning

Between Easter and May half term we completed a picture for our learning journals, extended our maths skills, worked from our individual planning to responds and had a visit from a bearded dragon.

This half term (June and July), during the morning sessions, we will be using spoons to eat with, working from individual planning to responds and having fun with shaving foam, sound lotto and another visit from the bearded dragon. During the afternoons we will be learning about healthy eating, occupations, completing our leavers sheets and practicing our play.

We will also be practicing our hand writing, getting 'school ready' and having fun with Jolly Phonics!

Changes

In order to support your child throughout the session it would be really helpful if you could inform us when your child has a change in circumstances or routine, ie not sleeping well, been away for the weekend, new baby on the way, etc.. It allows us to understand how your child is feeling or why they are behaving out of character, and be able to support them appropriately. Thank you.

Parking

Polite reminder that the passing bay is not a parking space, it is too ease congestion and allow cars to pass safely, therefore please park sensibly and in the designated parking spaces available.

Parent Support

As part of our promotion of British Values and teaching children Rule of Law, and to enable them to be 'School Ready' we thought it would be a great opportunity to gain your support in our approach. At preschool the staff aim to be consistent in the terminology that is used. We use positive reinforcement to encourage children to follow preschool rules enabling them to understand what is expected of them.

Please ask your children to say 'Please' and 'Thank you' as this promotes kindness, gratitude and respect.

Some of the words/phrases we use are:

'walking feet' 'indoor voices' 'kind hands' 'nice words' 'use your words'
'listening ears' 'Be kind to others'

To further promote respect to others, please offer praise when your child is kind and/or helps others.

FEE'S

After much discussion it was been agreed by committee members to put the fee's up, we don't take this decision lightly but with increases in minimum wage and cost of materials we have had to increase fees from £15 per session to £16. Lunch club will also increase to £3 in advance an £3.50 on the day. This will effect sessions from September 2019.

Sessions For September

We will shortly be confirming session dates for September and if applicable supplying you with the funding forms. It is imperative that you complete and return funding forms quickly as failure to do so will mean we can't claim funds on your behalf and you'll have to pay for sessions. Equally, please pay bills on time, chasing parents is not the best use of staff time! Thank you to all those parents who return forms on time and pay bills on time, we appreciate your understanding.

Provisional/Future dates

Photographer – Thursday 20th June.

Please see attached the 2019/2020 calendar. Whilst we aim to keep dates as they are, sometimes things happen out of our control but we will endeavour to give as much notice as possible of any changes. However, at this stage we don't anticipate any changes.