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Newsletter

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Welcome Back

Hope you all enjoy the October half term and we welcome you back for a fun filled Winter term.

Term Dates

Last day of term is Thursday 24th Oct.
We return on Monday 4th November.
Stay and Play session –Tuesday 19th November 11.15 – 12.15 and 2.15-3.15pm (These will be held throughout the year please see section below)
Parent/Key person meeting w/c 4th November and w/c 11th November
Photographer – Thursday 21st November
Reindeer race –w/c 18th November
Concert – Friday 13th December.

Last day of usual sessions – Monday 16th December. Party day – Tuesday 17th December – Please see next section.
We return on Tuesday 7th January 2020

Concert

Your child(ren) will be practising a lot over the coming weeks so that they are ready to perform to you in December. Our concert is always popular and we look forward to welcoming you on Friday 13th December at 11.30. Have your singing voices ready!! We will hold our raffle after this event and tickets will be issued shortly. Please see foyer for hamper item requests.

Reindeer Race

We will shortly be issuing sponsorship forms for the reindeer race that your children will take part in, during normal session. We will be raising money for maths activities and items to promote drawing/writing skills.

Party

Party day will be on **Tuesday 17th December**. 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. Santa will also be visiting!! NB – Please leave toys at home.

All children – 9.15 till 12.15 . 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.

Photographer

If this is your usual day, photographs will be taken during the session. If this is not your usual day, or you would like sibling photos, please arrive at Preschool at 12.15 to accompany your child in line for your photo.

Parent Viewings

Viewings will take place after the October half term where we will discuss your child’s developments. If you are not able to view, you are welcome to take your book home to peruse at your leisure (this is possible even if viewing). If the stated weeks are not suitable, please see your key person to arrange an alternative date.

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



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 Tuesday 19th November. Provisional date for the year are:

Wednesday 29th January - 11.15 – 12.15
Thursday 12th March - 11.15 – 12.15 & 2.15 – 3.15
Friday 1st May - 11.15 – 12.15

We look forward to seeing you.

Staff Members



Angela Angie Karen Jane Melanie Julie Anna Lorraine Danielle Emma

Curriculum Planning

This half term (November - December), during the morning sessions, we will be looking at colours and investigating what happens when we mix them, eating with spoons, drawing pictures and doing various Christmas activities. During the afternoons we will be practising our scissor skills, using ipads, investigating 'wash bag' items and healthy eating, drawing pictures and taking part in various Christmas activities.

During this time key workers continue planning for your child's individual development and each child is worked with at their own rate and level of understanding.

Home Learning

The important role parents play by taking an interest in their children's learning has a major impact on the outcomes on children. Research suggests that parental involvement in early learning has a greater impact on children's well-being and achievement than any other factor. We have therefore attached '50 things to do before you are 5' and we would really like for you to complete one of these each ½ term and then share it with us, either by showing us the activity, or photos, drawing, writing or anyway you would like and this will be our focus during show and tell time.

Teaching new words!

Each half term we will be introducing new words along with its Makaton sign. They may be words your child already uses, in which case we will be ensuring they also understand the meaning and be able to extend their use. This half term we will be concentrating on the following –



Dirty



Angry



to eat
Eating



Boy



Girl

'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.

Children's coats

As the weather has now turned cold and the children are wearing coats, can we please ask that these be named, as we have a few duplicate coats. Thank you.

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 £3.00 or pay £3.50 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.**

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.

To promote healthy eating we request no chocolate, sweets or fizzy drinks. Several lunch boxes are containing chocolate biscuits and chocolate yogurts, whilst we are sure these are super yummy we don't think they count as being healthy! Please refrain from putting them in lunchboxes so we can use the opportunity to introduce healthy eating through a sociable discussion.

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

Don't forget to keep providing one piece of fruit a week. Thank you to those parents who do provide it regularly.

Comforters/toys

It can be time consuming finding the rightful owner of a toy and toys are continuously being lost or left unclaimed. Therefore, we would appreciate only comforters be brought in to pre-school. If your child has a comforter it will be put in their bag when not needed to avoid unnecessary loss/damage to the item. Many thanks for your help and support.

Photo's

With our concert 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.

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. When informing us of absences, please telephone or text rather than email as this is not checked every day. Thank you.

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

Sessions for January

We will shortly be issuing session slips for January.

Please complete and return as quickly as possible to secure your sessions.

Funding forms will then be issue with your confirmation slip.

Please then return your funding form as quickly as possible 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.

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.

Nearly New Sale

The Nearly New Sale is 16th November 2019. The event is a great opportunity for sellers, buyers and the preschool. The preschool usually raises over £200 towards toys for your children to enjoy, it would therefore be wonderful to see a few more parents supporting us. If you are interested in being a seller or want more information, please contact us via email - Blackmorenearlynew@gmail.com, If you do want to support us, please visit us at the Village Hall on the 16th November between 10am and 12, with your £1 entry fee, which also gets you a tea or coffee.

AGM

This year's AGM will be held in the committee room of the village hall on 11th November at 8pm. If you would like to find out more about joining the committee, please come along. All welcome. If you would like to join the committee but can't attend the AGM, please email - info@blackmorepreschool.co.uk

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.

Facebook/website home page

Please remember to check Facebook for updates and the link to join the closed group. If we are unable to open for any reason we will update our website home page and Facebook.

Provisional/Future dates

Pancake Flip – week commencing 25th February

Next Viewings for all parents – April 2020

Summer Trip – June 2020 – Date to be confirmed.

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.