






Dear Parents/ Carers

As we approach summer half term, we have been very busy in preschool; the leavers are focusing on group work, phonics & their transition to “big” school – the team will be completing all their learning journals and meeting with parents before the end of June. We had a very successful trip to the Lifeboat Station last week and the children were able to talk about keeping safe on the beach, in boats and in the water. **Our Dragons Den Bid** for a new shed raised £200 from the parish council with a further £150 applied for from a small business grant. The

 repurposing of the old shed into a resource and the purchase of the new shed will be completed over the summer holiday. Thanks again to all the children and families who supported us on the evening – we had a lot of fun and the children sang brilliantly!  We loved all the socks ... 

Transitions to your child’s chosen primary school for those starting in September, will take place in June. If you are unsure or need any further information, please ask Rachel or Natalie.

Bembridge Street Fayre Bank Holiday



Monday 27th May
Its always a lot of fun!

We will have our usual stall at the fayre with face painting, children’s games and a great family raffle including a £50 Wightlink voucher. We still need more quality raffle prizes for this event- e.g. any services, pledges, unwanted gifts. Please do use all the contacts **YOU** have and bring prizes/pledges into the office before half term.



prizes!

PLEASE COME & SUPPORT US THANK YOU!

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Spring/Summer Activities-Diary Dates 2019



Trips out and about/organised visits in setting

We have some exciting activities planned over the next two months in addition to our usual trips to the park, beach and village:

Holly Maslen artist – creative morning in preschool – May 17th

Inver House visit - 14th May

Inver House visit Teddy Bears Picnic– 7th June (celebrating Nat Picnic week -)

Firestone Copse visit – 21st June

Inver House visit – 16th July (meeting the donkeys!)

Graduation day & party - 18th July (afternoon)

Leavers Trip – 22nd July (Isle of Wight Zoo details to follow)

Safeguarding & Housekeeping

Warmer weather – sun cream & hats - Please ensure that your child has appropriate clothing for the warmer



weather, a sun hat and has sun cream applied thank you. If this isn’t possible for any reason, we will apply sun cream that we keep in setting unless otherwise informed.

Mobile Phones – Please do not use your mobile phone in the preschool. Keep it out of sight and preferably leave in your car at drop off/pick up, thank you.

Gates and Bolts! - Please remember to close the front gate and secure all bolts when leaving or arriving at preschool, thank you.

Medication - Please do inform us if your child has been given any medication prior to attending preschool; all medication to be administered here must be prescribed have the correct label. In both cases, forms need to be completed in preschool.

Absences – Please remember to call us as soon as possible in the morning if your child will not be attending preschool. We are obliged to record all absences for the local authority funding records.

SOFT TOYS AND PERSONAL ITEMS in preschool

Thank you to all our parents for your support in helping the children to leave their personal toys at home and/or in the green box. This is working well, and we will continue to work with parents to help prepare the children for their transition to “big” school in this matter, thank you.

Collection of children – Prompt pickups and drop offs help us to maintain the correct ratios of staff to children thank you! If you have a child at the Primary School, please do pick up from preschool **FIRST** thank you!

Invoice Payments – Please do pay promptly. We are a small educational charity with limited cash flow! Any problems at all pop in and have a chat with Rachel.

Healthy Lunches & Snack donations

We notice a marked difference in behaviour after lunch when our children have foods with hidden sugars in their lunch boxes!

Please remember that we promote the healthy snack and lunch initiative. Where possible please avoid including squash and chocolate but do include lots of fresh fruit and vegetables. Children who eat lots of sugar and salt do find it harder to concentrate and regulate their behaviour due to the resulting rush of short-lived energy. It is better to have natural carbohydrates which are longer acting energy providers. **Donations of healthy snacks** are very welcome.

Choking hazards – Please chop all grapes, olives and small foods, thank you. These are proven choking hazards for children.

Nuts and Allergens

The preschool is changing its nut policy to a broader allergen aware policy–this means that we still have a no nut policy but ask parents to be aware of other allergens present in lunch box food which can cause severe reactions. We will be happy to give more advice on this with a list of known allergens if required.

Water Bottles Please bring a named water bottle for your child. Water is available all day but having their own bottle encourages independence and helps to avoid bugs spreading.

Tapestry Activations

Please ensure that you have activated your account; we have a few families that are still not benefiting from this wonderful resource. Any queries or problems with logging in or activating see Natalie or Rachel. Many thanks.

Please remember to check your child's drawer at the end of each session, thank you.

Bembridge in Bloom Competition 2019

Donations of vegetable seedlings & bedding plants would be gratefully received for planting. We have entered **Bembridge in Bloom** again this year and are developing the theme of "Recycled Gardening" following on from our recycled Christmas Star project.

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Community News

Every Wednesday, 10:15-11:45 – Trinity Church Mice toddler group in The Cloisters behind Bembridge Community Library. Please see their FB page "Trinity Church Mice" for more details.

OFSTED REGISTERED CHILDMINDER – Contact Tania at Bembridge Bambinos, home from home childcare, Mon-Fri 7:30am-6:00pm, plus school holiday care. Bembridge bambinos@hotmail.com, 07565 853843

Diary Dates – summary

Inver House visit - 14th May

Holly Maslen artist – 17th May

HALF TERM BREAK – FRIDAY 24TH MAY

FINAL HALF TERM STARTS - MONDAY 3RD JUNE

Inver House visit (am) – 7th June - Picnic lunch with residents to celebrate National Picnic Week

Firestone Copse visit (am) – 21st June (forest school session)

Bembridge Primary Sports Day (pm) – 27th June (Windmills race is usually around 2:30pm)

Bembridge Primary Yr 5/6 Production (pm)– 3rd July (Windmills attend afternoon dress rehearsal)

Inver House visit (am) – 16th July (meeting the donkeys!)

Graduation day & party (pm) - 18th July (details to follow)

LAST DAY OF TERM – FRIDAY 19TH JULY

Leavers Trip - Isle of Wight Zoo (10am-2pm)– 22nd July (details to follow)

Did you know?
Early Years
Development
Fact....

At 40-60 months ...I can hear and tell you the first sound in a word when we say the word.

I can use words like "more", "add", "less" and "take away"

I'm ready for BIG SCHOOL!



Finally, thank you for your continued support for Windmills. Natalie, VJ, Paige, Dionne, Karen, Sophie, Rachel, Jenny & Katie

The Windmills Team