

Newsletter

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Parent Partnership

We would like to say 'thank you' to numbers of parents who are now helping us regularly by sending in information about their children's learning outside pre-school. You have been doing this successfully by writing comments in learning journeys, sending in artefacts to stimulate children's communication skills, writing notes about activities/interests at home for the home news board, emailing us with photos or news etc., these snippets give us vital information and your child's key person really appreciates it, whatever it may be, no matter how small.

If you would like to see your child's learning journey file, please ask at any time. We would really value it if you could contribute by adding your comments and through completing the WOW sheets. We would like to hear about your child's achievements at home, such as; putting their own clothes on; tidying up the toys or learning how something works. We have created WOW Sheets where you can briefly describe what happened and possibly include a photograph or drawing etc. There are also sheets for you to share holiday pictures. Copies of this are available on the website or from a member of staff.

Open afternoon

We are hoping to hold an open afternoon on Friday 2nd March 1pm -2.30pm, where you are invited to come along and play. This will also be an opportunity for you to chat informally with the pre-school staff.

Naming items

Please can you ensure that all items of clothing and personal items including gloves, hats, lunch boxes etc are **clearly named**. Some things have been misplaced and it makes it difficult to find them if they are not labelled. Thank you

Illness

Please can you let us know if your child has been unwell or had a disturbed night so that we understand if your child becomes tired.

E-mail

We would like to use e-mail to send you information. Also, we would like to encourage you to e-mail us with news to help us plan your child's learning outside pre-school. We are able to print pictures off and share them at pre-school, also we can display them on the interactive whiteboard which the children love! We would like to thank those of you who have already adapted this method of sending us pictures of something that your child would like to share with us. If you would like to be part of this please e-mail misshanson@broughtonpreschool.co.uk and include your name. I will then add you to the mailing list.

Fundraising

Sarah Mayor has been organising fundraising activities/quizzes to raise some extra funds for resources so we really appreciate your support as extra funds are vital in the current climate.

Thank you to Miss Mayor!

Easter Egg Hunt

We are planning to organise an Easter Egg hunt in the week before Easter within the normal pre-school day which the pre-school staff will organise and carry out with the children. Please let us know if you have objections to your child having a small amount of chocolate (Mini eggs) as part of this activity.

Clothing

We would like to request that if children are coming in wellington boots during the wet and cold weather that they bring alternative footwear to change into whilst they are inside. As we find that children's feet get very hot and sweaty when they wear wellington boots all day. Please also ensure that your child has suitable outdoor clothing as we spend a considerable amount of time outside in all weathers. (We have a lot of wellington boots at pre-school for the children to use.)

Opening Hours

Pre-school opens at 7.45am, before which we are not registered to have children on the premises. If there is demand for opening earlier we will consider it for an additional charge to those who wish to use this extra service. However could we politely ask that children do not arrive at pre-school before 7.45am because of the legality issue. If staff do come early it is normally to 'catch-up' with paperwork and get organised for the day. Thank you.

Useful websites

<http://www.education.gov.uk/childrenandyoungpeople>

<http://www.foundationyears.org.uk/>

<http://www3.lancashire.gov.uk>

Dates for your diary

Half Term Week	13 th -17 th February 2012	Pre-school closed
Easter holidays	2 nd -16 th April	Pre-school closed
Pre-school re-opens	17 th April	
Open afternoon	2 nd March 2012	1pm -2.30pm

