



Greenmount Community Preschool

June 2019

Dear Parents, Carers and Families,

This academic year seems to be disappearing before our eyes!! The sun is appearing more frequently and we have a busy term ahead of us as we head towards our school leavers leaving us to go to big school!!

Don't forget we are on Facebook so just search "Greenmount Community Preschool" and add us as a friend to keep up to date with information.

We would like to say a huge thank you to all that took part in our sponsored walk this year. It was a great success and lots of children ran the whole way! If you have any sponsor money that you haven't yet brought in, please do so as soon as you can so we can calculate the final total amount of money raised and provide your child with a certificate.

End of year photograph

We will be having a whole group photograph taken on **Wednesday 26th June at 9.15am.**

Due to our usual photographer retiring, and the school using a mainland company, we will be taking the photographs ourselves again this year. This also means any monies raised from photograph sales will be put towards new resources for preschool.

There will be an opportunity for single photographs if you wish. Please let a member of staff know if you would like your child to have a single photograph taken on the day.

If your child is not usually in on a Wednesday, please bring them to preschool at 9am to take part. If you do not wish your child to participate, please let a member of staff know.

Costs of photographs will be £2.50.

Orders will need to be placed by **Friday 12th July.**

Preschool Sports Day

We will be holding our preschool sports day on **Thursday 27th June at 9.30am.** All children are invited to take part, if your child is not usually in on this day, feel free to bring them along to preschool for 9.15am. Please make sure your child wears sensible footwear and clothing they can move easily in. If it is sunny on the day please ensure your child has a sun hat on and is wearing sun cream. Please come along and support your children and meet us on the school field.

Sun cream, sun hats and water bottles

Now we are approaching the warmer months and the sunshine is appearing more frequently, please ensure your child arrives at preschool on sunny days wearing sun cream and have a named sun hat available for them to wear. If they are in preschool for a full day their labelled sun cream should be left here at preschool and it will be re-applied by a member of staff at lunch time. If you cannot find your child's hat or sun cream at the end of their session - please check our hat basket and our sun cream box as this is where we store these things during the day. Please remember to send your child to preschool with a water bottle containing water only - it would be super helpful if you could continue supporting your children with selecting their water tag and attaching it to their water bottle at the beginning of their session. This will ensure they have access to fresh drinking water throughout the day, this is vitally important on hotter days.

Key Person Meetings

We will be holding key person catch up meetings at preschool during the weeks of **Monday 1st July - Friday 12th July 2019**. We will also be offering evening appointments on **Wednesday 3rd July between 6pm and 7pm**. We will be offering 15 minute appointments to give you a chance to discuss your child's progress and development. This will be an opportunity to share any information with your child's key person, discuss your child's achievements and also discuss your child's transition in to school if applicable. Please see your child's key person to book a meeting with them.

Beach trip

As part of our planning and providing opportunities for our children to experience their local community we are planning to visit the beach on **Wednesday 3rd July**. We will be visiting Ryde beach and will leave preschool at approximately 12.30pm and will be travelling to the beach on the bus. All children will need to wear clothing that is suitable for the weather (sun hats and sun cream). We will provide drinking water.

As I am sure you can imagine there is a cost with regards to this outing as we will be travelling on the bus. Although children travel free, there is a cost for each member of staff who travels and as the ratio for this bus journey is one adult to every 3 children there will be a minimum of 5 members of staff supervising your children for this trip. With this in mind the cost of this trip will be £2 per child and this will be available to pay on parent pay.

If your child doesn't attend preschool on Wednesday afternoon and you would like to join us, you can meet us there (please see one of the team for the specific location nearer the time) at approximately 1pm; we will require you to stay with your child for the trip duration. Alternatively, you can meet us at preschool and get the bus with us to the beach but you will be responsible for your own bus fare. If your child has a bucket and spade and would like to bring it along then please bring these items to preschool on the day - **please name these**.

Please fill in the attached permission slip and return your completed slip and to preschool by **Monday 1st July**.

September Sessions

If your child will be returning to us in September 2019 please can you complete the sessions form

that is in your child's drawer and return this to Alex by **Monday 1st July**. This will allow sessions to be allocated to each child as soon as possible.

30 Hours Funding

Don't forget as of September 2017 the Government has been funding 30 hours a week free childcare to children aged three and four years old. However this is not available for all children and you must meet the eligibility requirements. To be eligible for the 30 hours all parents in the household must be working the equivalent of 16 hours a week either at or above the national living wage or the national minimum wage up to a maximum of £100k a year per parent. For lone parents if that one parent works more than 16 hours and earns less than £100,000 per year they will be eligible.

Please visit www.childcarechoices.gov.uk to check your eligibility and to register for 30 hours childcare. You do not need to use all 30 hours, you can use as many or as few as you like. If you find that you are eligible please let Alex know so that we can check your eligibility on our eligibility checker. All applications must be made by 31st August 2019 in order for your child to be funded for 30 hours as of September 2019. Please note this funding does not have any effect on your child's usual 15 hours funding.

Teddy Bears Picnic

To aid children's transition in to 'big school' and to celebrate the end of term we will be having a teddy's bear's picnic with the reception children on **Monday 15th July at 1.30pm**. All children are invited to attend. If your child does not usually attend a Monday afternoon session then you will need to stay with them for the duration. Children will be having their lunch at preschool as normal. Children are invited to bring their favourite teddy bear or soft toy along with them. A list will be displayed in the hallway for you to write down the picnic items you are willing to bring along for the picnic.

Graduation Ceremony

In July we will be saying goodbye to all our school leavers and as a way to celebrate this we will be holding a little graduation ceremony. This will take place at preschool on **Thursday 18th July at 1:30pm**. If your child attends preschool on a Thursday afternoon they will be taking part in the ceremony. If your child does not attend a Thursday afternoon session and they are leaving us to go to school in September, they are invited to take part in the ceremony so please bring them to preschool at 1.15pm. All parents, carers and families are invited to come along and watch and probably shed a few tears 😊

Children will be learning a few different songs to sing at the ceremony and each child will receive a certificate. We will also be providing a few items of party food for children to enjoy after the ceremony.

Please find a song sheet attached. Please sing these as much as you can with your children 😊

End of year picnic - Friday 19th July 12pm

Each year the main school hold a picnic on the school field to celebrate the end of the academic year. In previous years we haven't attended this event for various reasons however, this year we will be as it is Mr May's last ever picnic as he will be retiring in July. All children that attend preschool on a

Friday afternoon will be taking part in the event alongside the main school. We will be having lunch as part of the picnic so may we ask that all children have a packed lunch on this day and that it is packed in a named carrier bag. Please can you ensure all packaging can be thrown away.

All parents and carers are invited to the picnic so if you would like to collect your child to take them to the picnic please collect them from preschool at 11.50am, if not they can stay with us until you collect them.

Yours sincerely,
Alexandria Heatherton (Preschool Manager)

Dates for your diary

Preschool group photograph - Wednesday 26th June at 9.15am

Sports Day - Thursday 27th June at 9.30am

Last day for photo orders - Friday 12th July

Key person meetings - Monday 1st July - Friday 12th July 2019

Evening key person meetings - Wednesday 3rd July between 6pm and 7pm

Beach trip - Wednesday 3rd July

Teddy Bears Picnic - Monday 15th July at 1.30pm

Graduation ceremony - Thursday 18th July at 1:30pm

End of year picnic - Friday 19th July at 12pm

Last day of term - Friday 19th July - preschool closes at 2.50pm

Monday 2nd September 2019 - Autumn Term Begins

Our Graduation songs.

Please sing these with your children as much as you can in preparation for the big day.

To the tune of - "I'm a little teapot"

I'm a little graduate

Can't you see.

I know my ABC's and my 123's.

I made lots of friends and had fun too.

Now I'm off to the BIG KIDS SCHOOL!

To the tune of "Twinkle Twinkle little star"

Big school big school here we come

We know we'll have lots of fun

Lots of things to make and do

Reading, writing, counting too

Big school big school here we come

We know we'll have lots of fun.

To the tune of "Hi Ho, It's Off To Work We Go"

Hi ho hi ho it's off to school we go

We'll meet new friends and teachers too

hi ho hi ho hi ho hi ho hi ho

It's off to school we go

our preschool taught us all we know

hi ho hi ho hi ho hi ho hi ho

We're going to miss them so

So let's stand up and wave goodbye

hi ho hi ho hi ho hi ho.

Trip to Ryde Beach - Wednesday 3rd July

Please tick your choice below:

Childs name

Please tick below	
	I give permission for Greenmount Preschool to supervise my child on a visit to and from Ryde Beach and have paid £2 (on parent pay) towards the cost of the trip.
	My child is not usually in that day, but I would like to join you with my child and will meet you at preschool and understand I will need to pay for my own bus fayre.
	My child is not usually in that day, but I would like to join you with my child and will meet you at the beach
	I would like to volunteer as a parent/carer helper/volunteer.

Signed.....parent/carer

Print Name.....parent/carer

Preschool Sessions

Please can you confirm the hours that you would like your child to attend preschool as of September 2019?

Please note any additional sessions are charged at £4.20 per hour for children aged 2 years old and £3.80 per hour for children aged 3 and 4 years old and these **MUST** be paid for in advance. Sessions must be paid for unless 4 weeks' notice is given for holidays.

Childs Name _____

Days	A.M 8.50am- 11.50am	P.M 11.50am- 2.50pm
Monday		
Tuesday		
Wednesday		
Thursday		
Friday		