



# Blackberry Lane Bulletin

## Friday 22nd September 2023



We have had a lovely 2 weeks and been very busy with lots of activities. Who knew what fun a cardboard box could bring? A 'monster' was created by some of the children but shared by many. The children needed a little help cutting out the eyes but they directed the adult what to do and where to cut. The safety of using scissors was also discussed, including how to use them and to transport them if needed. The scissors were also put to good use when the children cut out their family photographs that have been sent in. There is a lovely display growing in the main room of the setting - if you have not yet posted any family pictures please could you as the children really enjoy this activity. The children have spent time making their own resources to include in their play. They used lots of glue and water to stick newspaper onto bowls to create mountains, very messy but when eventually dry, they will be painted and used in their play. Other resources have been found in the playground to use in their imaginary play. The new sand has also been very popular.



Dogs are not allowed on the pre-school site. To help our furry friends, there is a new designated 'Dog Park'. This is by the anchor in the car park. Please ensure any dogs are tied securely if you leave them whilst you are on site.

The children have also been very busy mark making. We have used paint, water, chalk along with or normal pens and pencils.



As always, our sensory activities have been very popular. We have played with Gloop (a mix of corn flour and water), rice, cereal, mud, shaving foam and water.



Following on from a conversation with some of the children at lunchtime, we have been talking about foods and eating healthily and doing exercise. The children have been telling us about their teeth cleaning regime at home and showing us how they clean their teeth. They enjoyed cleaning our pretend teeth using washable pens, water and tooth brushes. We would like to move on from there and make a display with the children using food packages to discuss food that is kind or could be harmful to our teeth. We have also started up our dancing outside, which is proving popular with the new children too.



We have been very active outside, apart from the dancing mentioned earlier, we have been in the back garden, using the stepping stones, slide and bridge to climb up, over and across. Obstacle courses have also been set up in the playground and the climbing areas been opened daily. The under 2's have been developing their hand eye coordination and upper body strength, posting teddy bears through cardboard tubing - an activity easily replicated at home.



## Dates for your diary:

**Mon 16th Oct**

Blackberry Lane AGM

**Mon 23 October to Fri 3 Nov 2023**

Half term holiday (Holiday club bookings by Friday 6th October)

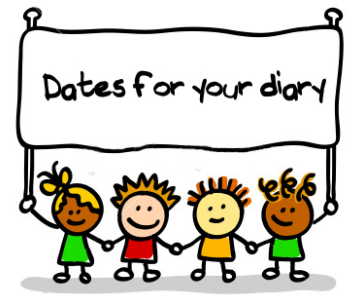
**Mon 13- Fri 17 November 2023**

Children in Need activities and fundraising

**Wed 20 Dec 2023 - Tue 2 Jan 2024**

Christmas holiday (No holiday club during this break)

**Wed 3 Jan 2024**



## Primary School applications

If your child is due to start primary school in September 2024 you should have received a letter from us by now. If you haven't had a letter, please let us know. The deadline for applications is midnight 15 January 2024. The local primary schools will be holding various stay and play sessions and offering visits over the next couple of months. As we become aware of these we will let you know via the newsletters and our Facebook page.



## Fire practice

Last week we had a fire practice and utilised the evacuation cot for the under 2s and thought of different ways we could keep the younger 2 year olds safe! All children behaved well and did as instructed.

Leading up to and following the event we looked at books and tried identifying the fire alarms around the setting.



### Other important information

Having given this a bit of thought, the consumables invoice will be sent out at the beginning of the month rather than the end of the month. September invoices will be coming out shortly, closely followed by October. Many apologies for the delay with the September invoices.

Just to remind everyone that the consumable charges will be for items such as snack (25p per day) hot lunches ordered (£2.30 each) and uniform purchases (see price list). We are using Tapestry for these invoices.

The fees invoices will be sent out via EYMan as normal, at or near the beginning of each month. October invoices will be sent out soon.

Contracts for funded hours are also in the process of being produced and Debbie will be discussing your needs and asking you to sign the contracts over the next couple of weeks.

### October Half Term Holiday Club

The half term booking forms have been sent out via Tapestry and email. Please let us know if you haven't received a copy. The deadline for bookings is Friday 6th October 2023.

### Dropping off and picking up your children.

Some of our parents have been parking in the school car park when dropping off and picking up. Please do not park in the school car park between 0800-1530. The primary school does not allow cars into the car park at these times. Exceptions will be made in special circumstances on application to the primary school office. Please park in the surrounding streets (with consideration to our neighbours) and walk to pre-school.

Please make sure that you don't turn up to pre-school too early and spend a long time queuing.

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## OPEN DAYS

TUESDAY 10th &  
WEDNESDAY 11th

OCTOBER 2023

RING AND BOOK YOUR  
TOUR NOW!



## STAY & PLAY

Wed 27th Sept & Wed 11th Oct;  
Wed 8th & Wed 22nd Nov; Wed  
6th Dec 3.25pm—4.25pm  
Meet the EYFS & KS1 team. No  
need to book, just turn up!

Edinburgh Close, Cowes. PO31 8HF Tel: 01983 293261  
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# Lanesend Primary School

## *Love Learning, Every Day*

We are open every day to show you around our stand out school. We are all very excited to meet you and we look forward to welcoming you to our Lanesend family! To book your personal tour, please call us on **01983 293233** or email

**[admin@lanesendpri.iow.sch.uk](mailto:admin@lanesendpri.iow.sch.uk)**

We are also holding dedicated Open Days with personal tours especially for new Reception families joining us in 2024. These will be held on:

**Thursday 28<sup>th</sup> September - 9am - 3pm**

**Tuesday 17<sup>th</sup> October - 9am - 4pm**

**Wednesday 8<sup>th</sup> November - 9am - 4pm**

**Friday 24<sup>th</sup> November - 9am - 3pm**



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