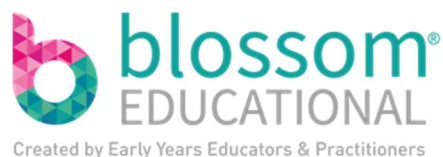


September Newsletter

We would like to wish a warm welcome to all of our new and returning children and parents.
We are looking forward to another great year here at Radnor Park
Kindergarten

Term Dates and Upcoming Events	
October 25 th 2024	Last day of funding for term 1
October 28 th -November 1 st	Half Term- no funding
November 4 th 2024	First day of term 2- funding begins
December 13 th 2024	Last day of term 2
December 16 th 2024- January 3 rd 2025	Christmas Break- No Funding
December 25 th 2024- January 1 st 2025	Christmas Holidays- Nursery Closed
Thursday 2 nd January 2025	Nursery Reopens 8am
Monday 6 th January 2025	First day of term 3- Funding Begins
Friday 14 th February 2025	Last day of funding for term 3
Monday 17 th February-Friday 21 st February 2025	Half Term- No Funding
Monday 24 th February 2025	First day of term 4- Funding Begins
Friday 28 th March 2025	Last day of funding for term 4
Monday 31 st March- Friday 18 April 2025	No Funding
Friday 18 th April 2025	Good Friday- Nursery Closed
Monday 21 st April 2025	Easter Monday- Nursery Closed
Tuesday 22 nd April 2025	First day of term 5- Funding Begins
Monday 5 th May 2025	Ealy May Bank Holiday- Nursery Closed
Friday 23 rd May 2025	Last day of funding for term 5
Monday 26 th May 2025	Late May Bank Holiday- Nursery Closed
Tuesday 27 th May-Friday 30 th May 2025	Half Term- No Funding
Monday 2 nd June 2025	Frist day of term 6 Funding Start
Tuesday 29 th July 2025	Last day of funding for term 6
Wednesday 30 th July 2025- Monday 1 st Sept 2025	Summer Holidays- No funding
Monday 25 th August 2025	August Bank Holiday- Nursery Closed



We are very excited to introduce our new software system and parent app Blossom educational which will launch the 1st September. If you have not already done so please ensure you download the app and register your account to access all your child's daily updates. If you have not yet received a link in your email to register please let us know and we will get a new invitation sent out to you. Could we also please ask that all parents send through a photo of themselves and any other carers that will be collecting their child we would greatly appreciate it. Lastly if you have not already returned your child's consent form for blossom could you please do this as soon as possible.

Parents Evening

Following the children's recent transitions we will be holding parent evenings, allowing you the opportunity to speak to your child's key person about any questions or concerns you might have and to see their new section. The evenings will be held over two days so please ensure you check which date is for your child's section.

Monday 16th September 6pm-7pm: Butterflies, Caterpillars & Babies

Tuesday 17th September 6pm-7pm: Dragonflies and Bumblebee's

Signup sheets will shortly be available at section entrances.

Updated Fee Policy

As of November 2024 we will be changing some of the policies and procedures outlined in our Fee structure. If you have not yet received a copy of the updated Fee policy please contact parents@radnorparkkindergarten.com and one will be sent to you. We would also like to ask that all parents sign the confirmation form sent with the update and send it back to us as soon as possible. Should you have any questions or concerns please speak to Brenley or Ting.

Mobile Phone Use

Just a reminder to parents and careers that mobile phones are not permitted to be used in or around the nursery setting due to our safeguarding policy. This includes collections and drop offs. Please ensure that when you are visiting that you keep your phones in your pockets or bags for the safety and security of our little ones. Many Thanks.



Packed Lunches

Please can we remind all parents to follow our packed lunch policy.

Lunches should **NOT** include-

Chocolate bars- Twix/Mars etc.

Sweets

Juice/Fizzy Drinks

Nuts, Nut Products or any items that may contain nuts



Sandwiches should not include

Sweet spread fillings- Jam/Honey/Nutella

Nut Spreads- Peanut butter, almond butter etc.

Salty Fillings such as Marmite

For further information relating to your child's packed lunch please see our packed lunch policy which can be found on our website or from our administrator.

TAX Free Childcare

You can get up to £500 every 3 months (£2,000 a year) for each of your children to help with the costs of childcare.

If you get Tax-Free Childcare, the government will pay £2 for every £8 you pay your childcare provider. This is paid via an online childcare account that you set up for your child.

You can get Tax-Free Childcare at the same time as 30 hours free childcare if you're eligible for both.

<https://www.gov.uk/tax-free-childcare>



Outside Wear & Spare Clothes



With fall weather just around the corner, could you please ensure that your children have appropriate clothing for the garden and outdoor play. This may include jackets, wellies, hats, spare clothes, and/or all in one rain coats if necessary

We like to get the children out even in inclement weather and don't want anyone to miss out.

Could you also please ensure that you send in at least two changes of clothing for your little one including socks and underwear. We love to get the children involved in messy play and want to ensure they always have something warm and comfortable to change into afterwards if needed.

Lastly could any borrowed clothing please be returned to the nursery so that we have extras on hand should another child need them.



Ladybirds (Babies)



Room Leader: Ciara
Supervisor: Hayley

Practitioner: Stephanie
Apprentice: Reene

Apprentice: Amber

Books of the Month

- Spot at the farm
- Peek a boo mirror book

Nursery Rhymes of the Month

- *Old McDonald
- *Head shoulder knees & toes

Themes

- All bout me & my family
- Colours
- At the farm
- Harvest festival

Activities

We will be doing lots of activities cantered around our books of the month including farm yard tuff trays, mirror play, sensory play (inc. play dough) and water and sand play. We also have many events we will be exploring including national book day, harvest festival, library week and grandparents day.

We will also be sending home interest sheets which will help us to plan additional activities for your little ones. If you could please fill in any changes to your child's routine, their interests and likes at the moment or anything you would like us to encourage them to explore we would appreciate it.

Could also please ask that all clothes, shoes, coats and bags be labelled with your child's name so that we can ensure that all items go home with the correct child at the end of each day.



Bumblebees (Toddlers)



Room Leader: Ellie

Practitioner: Emily

Practitioner: Stephen

Practitioner: Casey

Apprentice: Alyssa

Welcome to all our new bumblebees & their families. We are all very excited to have you join us in the toddler section. In this section your little ones will now get more outside garden time weather permitting throughout the whole year. With this in mind could we please ask that you send your child in with weather appropriate clothes such as rain suits, wellies, and multiple changes of clothes. As well just a reminder for those that were with us in the baby unit, we are no longer able to heat up food brought into the setting for lunch or tea. Please could you keep this in mind when sending your child in with a packed meal from home. Lastly could we please ask that children do not bring in toys and teddies from home unless they are requested for a particular activity like show and tell.

Books of the weeks

- We are going on a bear hunt
- Colours
- That's not my squirrel
- The Gruffalo

Themes for the month

- Friendships and feelings
- All about me
- Colours
- Autumn
- Woodland animals and natural resources
- Dinosaurs



Dragonflies



Room Leader: Leyla

Practitioner: Vicky

Apprentice: Suzie

Supervisor: Demelza

Apprentice: Amy

Books of the weeks

- Why do we share?
- Families
- Colour Monster
- My body

Sept 6th- National read a book day- Please bring in your child's favourite book (labelled with their name) to share with the rest of the children.

Please could you ensure you are sending your child in with lots of spare clothes including socks, jumpers and a jacket.



Caterpillars



Room Leader: Sarah

Practitioner: Shay

Apprentice: Avery

Practitioner: Lucie

Practitioner: Molly

Apprentice: Libby

This term we are going to be focussing on feelings and families and would ask that you bring in some pictures of your family for us to look at and add to our family board these can be sent over blossom or brought in where possible.

In the caterpillar section we would also encourage the children to bring in water bottles to promote independence and water drinking so if you could bring one in that would be great, we do have water and cups readily available as well if you would prefer.

On the 9th of September it is teddy bear day if your child would like to bring in a teddy for us to meet at and talk about within our review time.

Books of the Weeks

- How to catch a rainbow
- We're going on a bear hunt
- The very helpful hedgehog
- Harvest days

Themes of the month

- The changing seasons
- Leaf observations
- Colours
- Families



Butterflies



Room Leader: Stevie

Practitioner: Gosia

Practitioner: Keira

QTS: Summer

Supervisor: Katy

Practitioner: Lainey

Apprentice: Hannah

Books of the week:

- Blow your nose big bad wolf
- The polite penguins
- The selfish crocodile

These for the Month:

- Feelings
- Routines
- Emotions
- Manners

We will be learning about our golden rules, especially our please and thank yous. We will be talking about our daily routines and our hygiene routines and any special events and celebrations we have throughout the year so that we can incorporate them into our learning later on.

Could we please ask that all clothes including coats, shoes/boots bags and lunch boxes are all labelled with your child's name. This will help us to ensure the correct items are returned to the child at the end of the day.

Do you know who you can talk to?

If you have any queries or concerns, big or small, or you would like to talk to someone about your child. We are here to help!



Ting Healey Owner-
Invoices, Funding,
Sessions and FEES



**Emily Sargeant
Setting Manager-**
Designated Child
Protection Officer,



**Emma Wilson Deputy
Manager-** Special
Educational Needs and
Disability Officer, Deputy
Designated Safeguarding



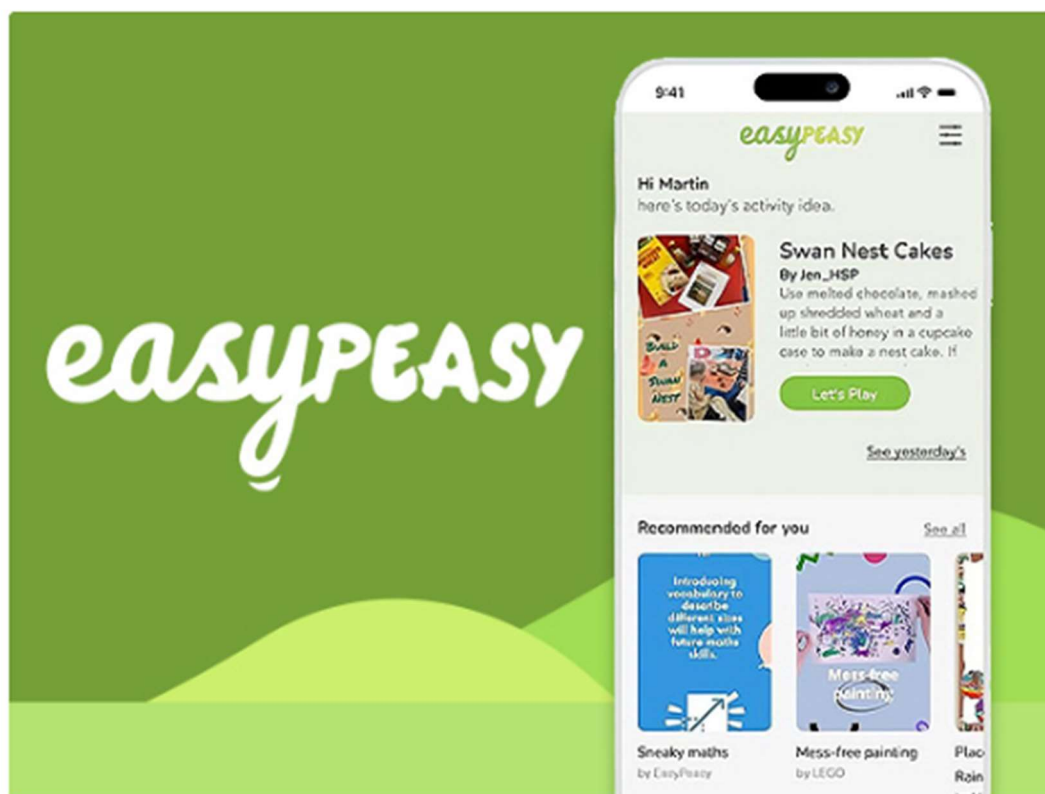
**Tracey Leighton Duty
Manager-** Health and
Safety Officer, Deputy
Designated
Safeguarding Lead



**Chloe Tidy Duty
Manager-** Online
Safety Co-Ordinator,
Deputy Designated
Safeguarding Lead



**Brenley Martin
Administrator-** New
Applications,
Funding Support,
Sessions and FEES



Discover play ideas from EasyPeasy

Get inspiration from a community of parents, carers, practitioners and experts on your phone. We've partnered with EasyPeasy to give families across Kent free premium access to advice and thousands of tips for you and your 0- to 5-year-old.

To Download the EasyPeasy App on your device visit www.easypeasyapp.com/kent-partnership

Community Support & Wellbeing Resources

Food & Essentials

The Salvation Army: salvationarmy.org.uk/Folkestone

Hythe Pantry: www.facebook.com/RainbowCentre01

Dover Pantry: www.facebook.com/doverpantry twitter.com/Doverpantry

Bechange Community Fridge: www.bechange.org.uk/support-services/community-fridge

Folkestone Community Fridge: www.facebook.com/Folkestonecommunityfridge

The Bread & Butter Thing (weekly food bags): www.breadandbutterthing.org/members

Food Sharing Apps: OLIO (Connects neighbours with each other and local businesses)

Too Good to Go (Anti food waste app linked to local café's & restaurants)

Financial Support

Help for Households: www.helpforhouseholdscampaign.gov.uk

Cost of living Support: www.gov.uk/cost-of-living

Citizens Advice: citizensadvice.org.uk/dept-and-money/get-help-with-the-cost-of-living

Home Essentials in a Crisis: kent.gov.uk/social-care-and-health/care-and-support/benefits/home-essentials-in-a-crisis

Mental Health

NHS Psychological Therapies Service- www.nhs.uk/services/mental-health/find-a-psychological-therapies-service (Common mental health issues including anxiety, depression and the need for counselling)

Folkestone Safe Haven: www.hestia.org/folkestone-and-hythe-district

South Kent Mind: www.southkentmind.org.uk

Lighthouse43: www.lighthouse43.co.uk

Samaritans: Call 116 123

Mind Information Line: 0300 123 3393

Rethink Mental Illness Helpline: 0808 801 0525