



May Newsletter

Term Dates and Upcoming Events	
Monday 6 th May 2024	Early May Bank Holiday Nursery Closed
Wednesday 15 th May 2024	Dragonflies Mark Making Stay & Play
Wednesday 17 th May 2024	Bumblebees' world bee day Stay & Play
Friday 24 th May 2024	Last Day of Funding for Term 5
Monday 27 th May 2024	Late May Bank Holiday Nursery Closed
Friday 31 st May 2024	Caterpillar Physical Development Stay & Play
Tuesday 28 th May 2024-Friday 31 st May 2024	Half Term
Monday 3 rd June 2024	Term 6 Funding Begins
Tuesday 4 th & Thursday 6 th June, 2024	Picture Day- all sections
Friday 7 th June 2024	Butterflies getting ready for school workshop
Friday 14 th June	Butterflies Fathers' Day Stay and Play
Monday 17 th June 2024	Dragonflies Fathers' Day Stay and Play
Wednesday 17 th July 2024	Dragonflies & Caterpillars Stay and Play
Thursday 18 th July 2024	Last Day to sign Funding Forms for Term 1/2
Friday 19 th July 2024	Butterfly Graduation
Monday 22 nd July 2024	Last Day of Funding for Term 6
Monday 26 th August 2024	August Bank Holiday Nursery Closed

May Bank Holiday Closures

The nursery will be closed on Monday May 6th and Monday May 27th.

If Monday the 6th is one of your normal funded sessions under the Free for 2, Free Early Education Funding, or Working Family Entitlement, the funding for the Bank Holiday on the 6th May has been allocated to the 22nd July.

May Half Term

The 2024 May half term is from Monday 27th of May to Friday 31st of May. If your child is registered to attend term time only please note that they will not be scheduled to attend this week.



Picture Day



We will be holding picture days Tuesday 4th & Thursday 6th of June. If for any reason you do not wish for your child to participate in this please let us know as soon as possible. Alternatively if your child is not scheduled to be attending on these day but you would still like them to have their photo taken please contact us at parents@radnorparkkindergarten.com and we will book you a slot to come in on the 6th June.

Talking Walk-in Clinic Temporary Change of Venue

Please be advised that the Talking Walk-in clinic on 20th of May 2024 (usually at The Village CC) will be held at Folkestone Family Hub (Early years Building) on Dover Road as a one off.

This is to allow revamp of the Village Centre ready for its role as a Family Hub.

It will return to Village Family Hub from June on the third Monday of the month.

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>



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.

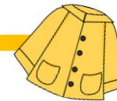
Salty Fillings such as Marmite



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.



Outside Wear & Spare Clothes



It is gearing up to be a very wet and windy start to spring. Could you please ensure that your child has appropriate clothing for the garden and outdoor play including coats, boots, hats, and spare clothes.

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: Ellie
Supervisor: Vicky

Apprentice: Emily
Practitioner: Tierney

Books of the Month

- Nursery rhyme stories
- Early years book
- The secret garden
- If I were a butterfly

Themes

- Spring
- Flowers
- Farm Animals and bugs
- Waterplay
- Sensory food Play

A big thank you to all of you for your continued patience with the ParentZone notifications as we settle in a number of new starters and develop our new routine.

Could we please kindly ask that if you are sending in a packed lunch or snack in with your little one that you label the containers with what is inside. We have a few children in the setting with food allergies and this will help us ensure a safe eating environment.



Bumblebees (Toddlers)



Room Leader: Leyla
Supervisor: Hayley

Practitioner: Demelza
Apprentice: Suzie

Apprentice: Shannon

Books and Activities of the Month

- Freddy the Frog- We will be exploring lifecycles
- Bee's- We will be celebrating national bee day by learning all about bees.
- The colour monster- Exploring and learning to express our emotions and how to talk about them.

Friday 17th May, 2024: Stay and Play- More details to follow. If you would like to attend, please add your name to the sign up sheet on our door.

May Home Learning

Go for a walk with your little one and talk about what you can see.

"Can you find a butterfly?"

"Can you find a pond? Are there any frogs in the pond?"

Please share any photos with us so we can talk about it with your little



Dragonflies



Room Leader: Stevie
Supervisor: Katy

Practitioner: Stephanie
Apprentice: Keira

Apprentice: Amber

Books & Activities of the Month

- The Snail and the Whale- Exploring water activities and friendship.
- Peep inside the garden- Bringing the outside inside.
- That's not my bee- Celebrating world bee day and making our own honey playdough.
- Hello Summer- Exploring the summer season and the sun

Wednesday 15th May- Mark Making Stay and Play 4:30pm-5:15pm. If you would like to attend, please make sure to add your name to the sign-up sheet on our door.

Monday 20th May- World Bee Day: We will be exploring bees. Please come in dressed in black and yellow

Please can children be sent in with spare nappies if required and plenty of changes of clothing as we are running low on nursery spares.



Caterpillars



Room Leader: Sarah
Practitioner: Arpana

Practitioner: Stephen
Practitioner: Lucie

Book of the Week

- What the ladybird herd
- Rainbow fish
- Mad about minibeasts
- The Gingerbread Man

Sunday 12th May- International nurses' day: We will be learning about nursing and doing activities around the profession. We will also be having a guest in to tell us all about what it is like to be a nurse.

Monday 20th May- World Bee Day: We will be celebrating these wonderful creatures

Friday 31st May- Physical Development Stay and Play:



Butterflies



Room Leader: Ciara
Supervisor: Shannon

Practitioner: Shay
Practitioner: Lainey

Apprentice: Molly

Books of the week:

- Jack's tractor
- Atchoo!
- Th grouchy ladybird
- Let's all creep through crocodile creek

Themes and Special days:

- The life cycles of bugs and animals
- On the farm
- Woodland Fairies
- Dinosaurs

Wednesday 15th May- International Day of Families: We will be exploring our families, looking at differences and similarities, and what makes us unique. We will also explore our families' histories and how our families have grown.

Monday 20th May- World Bee Day: We will be exploring the life cycling of the bee and investigating what they do to make honey, and all the special things we can do to help look after bees.

Monday 13th May- Mental Health Awareness Week: We will be exploring a range of experiences focusing on our feelings, especially as we edge closer to starting Primary School, as there will be wide range of mixed emotions on this exciting chapter of your child's learning journey.

Friday 14th June - Fathers Day Stay & Play: More details to follow. Please keep an eye out at the main entrance for the sign-up sheet. This will be on a first come first served basis, with limited spaces available for the event. Please could we also kindly ask that siblings do not attend.

It's that time of the year where the hot weather will start to creep in, but we all know how the British weather can be. Please could children attend nursery with appropriate clothing and outdoor wear for the day, so that we may continue to engage in play outdoors. Such as sun hats or coats if it's windy or wet.

Parents' consultation with our new plans

Firstly, can we extend a very big thank you to all the parents for taking the time to feedback both their enthusiasm for the new setting but also the legitimate concerns they have going forward.

Some parents have asked us about where the new nursery is likely to be sited. At this present time we are exploring a number of sites, in consultation with various public and private bodies, it will definitely be situated within the boundaries of Folkestone town, but at present there is no final site confirmed.

We have also been asked about the fees. The construction of the new building will not be financed by increased fees to the parents. However as normal there may be an increase in fees in January taking into account inflation and meeting staffing needs.

To date Radnor Park Kindergarten have held meetings with our local MP, Damian Collins, leader Jim Martin and planning officers at Folkestone and Hythe District Council, a representative from Lord Radnor Estates based at Smith-Woolley Estate Agents and the local sufficiency officer employed by Kent County Council who is responsible for ensuring there are sufficient spaces for Early Years in East Kent.

All of the above representatives were very supportive of our plans but also confirmed that the Local Council has no Early Years strategy to meet the local Early Years needs and that this is a KCC responsibility.

These meetings have raised 5 possible sites for the location of the new setting and we have appointed a local architect to provide pre-application support for each location.

If anyone has any further questions or queries please do not hesitate to let us know and we will continue to keep you updated as and when we have anything confirmed.

Thank you once again,

Ting & Damien

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 Reene 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

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