



August Newsletter

A couple of dates for your diary!	
Monday 28 th August 2023	August Bank Holiday Nursery Closed
Thursday 31 st August	Literacy Workshop (Butterfly Parents)
Monday 4 th September 2023	Term 1 Funding Begins
Friday 20 th October	Last Day of Funding for Term 1
Monday 23 rd -Friday 27 th October	Half Term
Monday 30 th October	Term 2 Funding Begins
Thursday 14 th December 2024	Last Day to sign funding forms for terms 3/4
Friday 15 th December 2024	Last Day of Funding for Term 2
Monday 25 th December -Monday 1 st January 2024	Christmas Holidays Nursery Closed
Tuesday 2 nd January 2024	Nursery Re-Opens from 8am
Friday 5 th January 2024	Term 3 Funding Begins
Friday 9 th February 2024	Last Day of Funding for Term 3
Monday 12 th February- Friday 16 th February 2024	Half Term
Monday 19 th February 2024	Term 4 Funding Begins
Thursday 28 th March 2024	Last Day to sign funding forms for terms 5/6
Friday 29 th March 2024	Last Day of Funding for Term 4
Friday 29 th March 2024	Good Friday Nursery Closed
Monday 1 st April 2024	Easter Monday Nursery Closed
Monday 15 th April 2024	Term 5 Funding Begins
Monday 6 th May 2024	Early May Bank Holiday Nursery Closed
Friday 24 th May 2024	Last Day of Funding for Term 5
Monday 27 th May 2024	Late May Bank Holiday Nursery Closed
Tuesday 28 th May 2024-Friday 31 st May 2024	Half Term
Monday 3 rd June 2024	Term 6 Funding Begins
Wednesday 18 th July 2024	Last Day to sign Funding Forms for Term 1/2
Monday 22 nd July 2024	Last Day of Funding for Term 6
Monday 26 th August 2024	August Bank Holiday Nursery Closed



We would like to wish a warm welcome to all of our new incoming children and parents. We look forward to getting to know you all better in the coming weeks. If you have any questions or concerns please speak to a member of staff.



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.

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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>

Collection Password

Could we please ask that all parents register a general password for people other than themselves picking up their children which we can keep on file. If all password submission could please be sent to parents@radnorparkkindergarten.com we would greatly appreciate it. If you recently registered with the setting and provided a password on your application form you do not need to send it through again.

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.



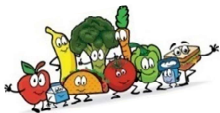
Packed Lunches

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

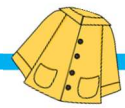
Sweet spread fillings- Jam/Honey/Nutella
Nut Spreads- Peanut butter, almond butter etc.
Salty Fillings such as Marmite



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.



Outside Wear & Spare Clothes



Now that the lovely summer weather is here, could you please ensure that your children have appropriate clothing for the garden and outdoor play including summer 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

Apprentice: Emily

Supervisor: Vicky

Practitioner: Courtney

We would like to welcome all our new babies and hello to those who are continuing their journey with us in the baby unit. Throughout August we will be getting everyone settled into the room and helping to support our returning babies while adjusting to the new team. Could we please ask that if any of your little ones brings in a packed lunch could you refer to our healthy eating policies.

Themes of the Month

- Summer time & Beaches
- Water Play & Balls
- Sea Animals
- Natural Treasure Baskets



Bumblebees (Toddlers)



Room Leader: Leyla

Practitioner: Demelza

Supervisor: Katie

Practitioner: Hayley

This month we will be getting to know the interest of our bumble bees as they adjust and explore their new surroundings and routine.

As part of our daily routine our toddlers will now be getting outside at least once a day weather permitting. Could we please kindly ask that all children come to nursery with appropriate footwear for outdoor play as well as a pair of shoes that can be worn comfortably inside.



Dragonflies



Room Leader: Stevie
Supervisor: Katy

Practitioner: Stephanie
Practitioner: Tierney

Apprentice: Keira

This month we are looking forward to getting to know our new Dragonflies and helping to support them as they adjust to their new setting and team. We will also be exploring babies, animals and building.

Could we kindly ask that all items sent in to the nursery be labelled so that we can ensure that they are returned to the appropriate child. We would also like to ask that if possible could parents either bring in or email to parents @radnorparkkindergarten.com a family photo.



Caterpillars



Room Leader: Sarah
Supervisor: Arpana

Practitioner: Stephen
Practitioner: Lucie

Apprentice: Renee

Over the next couple of weeks we will be changing our room around to create an exciting environment for our new caterpillars to explore, grow and learn. As part of this we will be creating a family board. If parents could please either bring in or email a family photo to parents@radnorparkkindergarten.com we would appreciate it. We would also like to expand our role play area so if you have any spare dress up/play clothing or accessories like old shirts, dresses, hats, gloves, bags ect. We would love to give them a new home and purpose.



Butterflies



Room Leader: Ciara
Supervisor: Shannon

Practitioner: Shay
Practitioner: Lainey

On Thursday 31st August we will be holding a literacy workshop for our butterfly parents. This is a chance for you to come and explore how we promote literacy at nursery and how you can further promote it in the home. We will discuss early writing skills, communication, physical development and how they support your child's literacy development. The workshop will be held in our garden and due to space would ask that a maximum of 2 adults per child attend and please no siblings. There will be a sign-up sheet available on the front door from next week.

Themes of the Month

- Emotions/Feelings
- All about me & my family
- At the seaside
- Summer

Please could we ask that children's belongings are named and that they bring a bag to nursery where they can keep their belongings.

Funding & Tax Free Child Care Guide

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.

Tax free Childcare can be used for approved childcare cost including:

- Deposits
- Fees
- Additional Meal cost

Your eligibility depends on:

- if you are working
- your income (and your partner's income, if you have one)
- your child's age and circumstances
- your immigration status

If you are working you can usually get Tax-Free Childcare if you (and your partner if you have one) are:

- in work
- on sick leave or annual leave
- on shared parental, maternity, paternity or adoption leave
- If you're on adoption leave, you cannot apply for the child you're on leave for unless you're going back to work within 31 days of the date you first applied.

If you're not currently working you may still be eligible if your partner is working, and you get Incapacity Benefit, Severe Disablement Allowance, Carer's Allowance or contribution-based Employment and Support Allowance.

You can apply if you're starting or re-starting work within the next 31 days.

For additional information or to register for a tax free childcare account please visit

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

3 & 4 Year old Government Funding

All children in England are entitled to 15 hours per week government funding for 38 weeks of the year. This will come into effect the term following your child's 3rd birthday and

Child Turns 3 Between	Term child first becomes eligible for	Funding start date
1 st April 2023-31 st August 2023	Autumn Term 23	4 th September, 2023
1 st September 2023-31 st December	Spring Term 23	8 th January, 2023
1 st January 2024-31 st March 2024	Summer Term 24	15 th April, 2024
1 st April-31 st August 2024	Autumn Term 24	2 nd September, 2024

The 15 hour entitlement is automatic and there is no need to apply for it. However you will need to sign off funding form which is provided and held by the nursery.

Some 3 to 4 year olds are also eligible for the extended 30 hours funding. To check your eligibility or to apply for the funding please visit www.gov.uk/30-hours-free-childcare

You can apply for your funding code once your child is 2 years and 36 weeks old.

Once you have received your funding code please send this to parents @radnorparkkindergarten.com along with the name, date of birth and national insurance number of the parent who applied for it.

Using your Funding at Radnor Park Kindergarten

At Radnor Park we have some specific policies relating to the use of government funding. The policies can be found in our FEE structure. If you have not received this or need a new copy please contact parents@radnorparkkindergarten.com for your copy. Please see below however for a guide to using you funding.

- Once child turns 3 their funding will take effect the following term.
- Parents must sign off a funding form provided by nursery or we will not be able to apply for your funding.
- If your child will be using **15 hours** government funding they must either:
 - Attend afternoon sessions M-F 1pm-6pm which will incur no additional weekly fee's or:
 - If you would like them to attend morning/all-day session than your child will need to be registered for a minimum of 16 hours a week. The charge for the 16th hour is £24.80. Any additional hours on top of the 16 hours will be charged at £6.80/hr.
- Please ensure you provide this information to us to prevent your child incorrectly being registered for the funded afternoon sessions.
- If your child will be using **30 hours** government funding you will need to first provide your funding code and parent information to us so that it can be verified.

- Then if you require any additional session you must let us know what they are so that we can check for availability and reserve their space please do this as soon as possible to ensure you don't miss out on your desired spaces. Please be aware when deciding on sessions that they must either:
 - Attend afternoon sessions M-F 12pm-6pm which will incur no additional weekly fee's or:
 - If you would like them to attend morning/all-day session than your child will need to be registered for a minimum of 31 hours a week. The charge for the 31st hour is £31.65. Any additional hours on top of the 16 hours will be charged at £6.80/hr.
- Please ensure you provide this information to us to prevent your child incorrectly being registered for the funded afternoon sessions.

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!



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Invoices, Funding,
Sessions and FEE'S



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



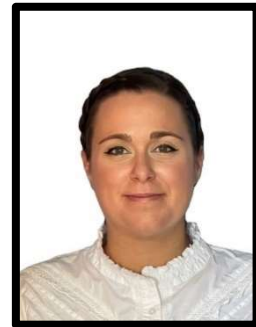
Emma Reene Deputy Manager-
Special Educational Needs and
Disability Officer, Deputy
Designated Safeguarding Lead



**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



**Sarah Walford Early Years
Practitioner-** Mental
Health and Well Being
Co-Ordinator

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

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