



Broadlands Pre-School Centre

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A message from Barbara, Pre-School Manager



The first half of the spring term has sped past. We have been lucky enough to have some lovely spring weather as well as some very wet weather! Looking ahead to the next half term:

- The option to drop children off early on a Tuesday and Wednesday morning, (between 8.15 and 8.30 am) either on a regular basis or occasionally, is still available
- Our Thursday morning session is very quiet and relaxed which the children really enjoy. They often comment on how quiet it is. There is plenty of space for them to move and spread out in when playing
- Spaces in our Monday, Wednesday and Thursday pre-school sessions mean that you are able to do one of these sessions on an ad-hoc basis if you find something cropping up on one of these days
- Children are able to join the Thursday afternoon session immediately after their second birthday. They can stay unaccompanied, or with a parent for as long as needed to settle them

If you are interested in any of the above or would like more details, please let me know.

We have appointed two new staff who will be starting with us after half term. Becky and La'Raine will be working on Tuesday and Friday in our mixed sessions as well as Thursday afternoon in our Rising 3 session. On a Friday morning, we have Robyn helping out.

A message from Tiz Cowen—Committee Chair



The daffodils are flowering outside broadlands so it must mean that spring is not too far away but first a look back at our Christmas fair. We raised a fantastic £800 so thank you to Claire and her team for organising and for everyone else who helped out, donated and came and spent money! All money raised goes back into Broadlands and is used to purchase toys and equipment that benefit our children.

This is the time of year when we start looking for new committee members to start from May. If you don't know already, Broadlands is a Committee led preschool. The committee is made up of parents and ex-parents and we oversee everything from staff recruitment to building maintenance. Broadlands can't run if we don't have a committee so do please have a think about whether you could get involved. If you would like to find out more please speak to Barbara or one of the committee members (our photos are on the board as you come into Broadlands).





Fundraising:

As well as events like the Christmas and Summer Fairs, and cake sales, we have two year-round options available which drip-feed into our fundraising. Labels for your children's clothes and property can be purchased through 'My Nametags'. You need to quote our ID number – 13886 and Broadlands gets a percentage of the orders.

If you shop online with some of the large retailers you are able to sign up to www.easyfundraising.org.uk/causes/broadlandspresch for free and use the links on EASYFUNDRAISING to take you to the retailer and again, a percentage of what you spend comes direct to us at no extra cost to yourself.



Upcoming Events:

The cake sale and raffle are happening this week. Cakes – shop-bought or home-made – can be brought to Broadlands all week, and will be available to buy at both pick ups on Friday 14th. Raffle tickets will also be on sale for a chance to win a Valentine's Date Night hamper full of goodies!

Saturday Toddler Group

We are thinking about hosting a monthly toddler group at Broadlands, on a Saturday morning. If anyone knows someone who would be happy to run a session of this for us, please let us know.



Social media

Our website, broadlandspreschool.org.uk, has useful information for parents. We also have Facebook and Instagram pages where we share pictures and updates, so please follow us.



Marketing

As always, please spread the word and let people know about Broadlands, either face-to-face, or virtually, by sharing our Facebook and Instagram marketing posts on your timeline or to local groups. It would also help if parents could leave a review on our Netmums page, our Facebook page, or Google reviews. Or if you attend a local children's group or activity that would display a poster or let you hand out leaflets, please drop Barbara a line.

Dates
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Spring half term:

Monday 17th February – Friday 21st February 2020

Spring term ends:

Friday 3rd April 2020