

Foundation Stage Newsletter

Friday 11th September 2026



Pre-School

Welcome to the first newsletter for Pre-School! I cannot believe how well your children have settled in this week at Pre-School. A massive well done to them all! Most of them come in independently which is a huge thing in Pre-School and we could not be prouder! This week we have concentrated on the most important thing, which is getting the children settled and happy. The original children have been so helpful this week as they have been showing the new children all the toys in Pre-School and where they need to go if they need a snack or the toilet. We have been learning to say Good Morning/Good Afternoon and most importantly learning everyone's name! We have started to talk and learn about our rules such as kind hands/kind feet, no running inside, saying please and thank you! In the next few weeks your child's drawer may change place as we will be putting them into groups of Ladybirds, Butterflies, and Dragonflies. Also in the next few weeks we will be starting our Maths and Phonics tasks. We will be starting to do some work in our small groups. We will be talking to them about who their family are, parts of their body, using mirrors to describe what we see and showing our emotions. And on Monday mornings, we will get a special visit from Catherine from Dudley Performing Arts to complete some music and dance sessions with us!!

Please bear with us when dismissing the children. We are learning all about the children as well as who comes to collect them. We are teaching them to sit on the carpet and not to get up until they are called by a teacher and walking to their parent/carer so thank you for your co-operation with regards to this! Please make sure you check your child's drawer daily.

REMINDERS –

- Please can you make sure your child has a coat, a bag of spare clothes and a pair of wellies in school as we go outside daily in all weathers!
- Just a reminder – please let a member of staff know if anyone else is collecting your child and make them aware of the password. Otherwise, we will not let them go unless a message has been received.
- We have a café for the children throughout the day where we provide milk/water and a variety of fruit and vegetables, so you don't need to bring any snacks or water bottle to school! (If they stay for dinner, a water bottle is then needed) Thank you.
- **Please name everything!** This includes spare clothes/shoes/wellies etc!
- In the main office on Granville Drive, there is our spare uniform, which is free to all parents/carers, so please just help yourselves!
- Don't forget to like our Facebook page to find out all the exciting things we do across school!

EvidenceMe – I will be sending observations home next week and then every 2 weeks of what your child has been doing at school through EvidenceMe. Please don't forget to use EvidenceMe yourself as this will enable you to send us some photos of your child and what they are doing at home over a weekend. Send us anything exciting that you have done over the weekend. This may be a trip to the shops, Nannies, park or a play in the garden! We will be looking at these with the children. Any questions or if you need support please just ask or email me on epowis@bromhills.dudley.sch.uk

Many Thanks 😊

IMPORTANT DATES

Thursday 15th October – Autumn Fayre_

Tuesday 20th October – Individual school photos

Friday 20th November - Children In Need

Tuesday 8th December – Pre-School Nativity at 10.30am

Break up for half term - Friday 23rd October

Back to school - Monday 2nd November

Christmas trip to be confirmed at a later date

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Important Information

- **From Public Health** – Please click on the link for nutrition guidance for healthy lunchboxes <https://www.dudleyhealthylunchbox.org.uk/>
- **From Public Health** – MMR / MMRV vaccination is vital because measles is highly infectious and can lead to serious complications, including pneumonia, meningitis and, in rare cases, long-term disability. Both vaccines are safe and the MMR provides effective protection against measles, mumps and rubella, and the MMRV vaccine also includes protection against chickenpox (varicella), helping to keep children, staff and the wider community safe.

From Lead For Childcare - It is always important for parents and carers to make sure that children stay up to date with all their routine vaccinations, as these offer important protection against infectious disease outbreaks. Parents and carers should also be aware and alert to the signs and symptoms of invasive meningococcal disease. For more information, visit the NHS website <https://www.nhs.uk/conditions/meningitis/> or see the information available from two charities who offer free support via their websites and helplines [Meningitis B outbreak: what you need to know](#) – UK Health Security Agency

The Meningitis Research Foundation -

www.meningitis.org

Helpline UK 080 8800 3344

Meningitis Now www.meningitisnow.org

Helpline 0808 80 10 388 or

helpline@meningitisnow.org

UKHSA blog post



Types of MMRV vaccine

The MMRV vaccine contains weakened versions of living measles, mumps, rubella and chickenpox viruses. Because these viruses are weakened, they do not spread easily to other people.

There are 2 MMRV vaccines which work equally well: **ProQuad** and **Priorix Tetra**. ProQuad contains porcine gelatine (gelatine from pigs) and Priorix Tetra does not. If you want your child to have the vaccine without gelatine, talk to your practice nurse or GP.

Further information is available in the patient information leaflets.

ProQuad

www.medicines.org.uk/emc/product/101444/pil

Priorix Tetra

www.medicines.org.uk/emc/product/101321/pil

More information on vaccines and porcine gelatine is available on GOV.UK.

