

January 2018 Newsletter

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Dates to remember

Family Activity Session
Wednesday 31st January 2018

Fish & Chip Quiz
Friday 2nd February 2018

Half Term
12th – 16th February 2018

Last Day of Spring Term
Wednesday 28th March 2018

Happy New Year and welcome back to all our children and their families. Congratulations to the children who took part in our nativity at the end of last term and to those parents, families and friends who came to support us. All the staff would like to say a big thank you for all the lovely cards and gifts they received. We hope you have had a good Christmas break.

What are we up to.....

At this time of year we always like to think about being and staying healthy, so this term the children will be learning about Healthy Eating, exercise and how to look after our teeth, with a visit from the dentist.

We will be holding another **Family Activity Session** on Wednesday 31st January. Please keep your eyes open for further details.

School Dinners

If you would like a hot school dinner for your child we can order it from the school at a cost of £2.20. You will need to order the dinner the day before either by letting us know or informing the school office.

Payment must be received in advance to secure the dinner.

A menu will be available in preschool.

Fundraising

Tesco Blue counters

The last day for collecting the Tesco Blue Counters was 1st January 2018. Thank you to you all for supporting the preschool. We are waiting to hear how successful we have been.

Online shopping

Do you like to shop on line? If so you could help raise money for the preschool every time you shop. You can do so by either using "giveasyoulive.com" or "easyfundraising.co.uk". Follow the links below to register your support and a percentage of what you spend will be donated to the pre-school.

www.giveasyoulive.com/join/beetleypreschool
or www.easyfundraising.org.uk. Thank you.

100 club

The winners of the January 100 club draw are:

1st Prize - H. Brown

2nd Prize - A. Mears

3rd Prize - J Douglas

If you would like to join and have a chance to win please ask a member of staff.

Bags to School

There are two more dates booked for collection of your unwanted bags of clothing next year, Friday 27th April and Friday 9th November.

New Mobile Number?

If you have received a new mobile phone for Christmas you may have changed your number. Please can you ensure that you have informed the preschool of any changes so that we can keep our records up to date. Thank you.

Bad Weather

We have reached that time of year again where we may have to close due snow and the roads being dangerous. If this happens we will send out a text

message to all those who are on the messaging service, put a notice on our Facebook page and on the Family Information Service page. You can also check on the Norfolk County Councils, schools website or listen to the local radio. We will close if St Mary's School Beetley decides to close.

Payments

Payments can be made by cash, cheque or BACS payment. For cash and cheque payments, please continue to put them in named envelopes as it really is a big help to us in the mornings. A supply of small brown envelopes are in the foyer should you need them

Facebook

We do have a Facebook page, so please look us up and like our page. We will use the page to share information on what we are doing, suggestions for things you can do at home with your children and links to useful websites

Stay & Play sessions

Stay and Play sessions continue on Thursday's at the Village Hall. All sessions are open to anyone who has a child/children aged 0 - 5 years and run from 9.30am to 11am, and normally cost £2.50 per family of up to two children, any additional children at 50p.

Come and join us.

There will be no session on **Thursday 15th February** due to half term.

Collection Password

Please remember, if you need your child to be collected by someone new, this could be due to some unforeseen circumstance, an emergency or may just be a new person you have added to your list of eligible people, you will be required to obtain a password from the staff. The new person collecting will need to know this password before we can release your child into their care. This password will change on a regular basis.

NO NUTS

We would like to remind you that we have a NO NUT policy in place. Can you please make sure when you are packing your child's lunch box that none of the food contains nuts.

Thank you for your support.

Tapestry

Please note that to access Tapestry you will now need to use the following: www.tapestryjournal.com.

Website

Take a look at our website www.beetley-preschool.org. Our aim is to update it half termly with photos and posts showing what we've been up to.

Illness

Please help us to reduce the spread of coughs, colds and sickness.

At this time of year there are lots of bugs, colds and coughs going around. If your child appears unwell before they come to preschool; you have given them Calpol; they have a green runny nose or they have been sick in the last 48 hours, they are not well enough to attend. Please keep them at home until they are better to avoid giving the illness to other children. Thank you.

A couple of the children in Preschool have Chicken Pox. If your child gets Chicken Pox, they need to stay off from Preschool and 2-3 club until all the spots have scabbed over.

If your children are going to be off could you please let us know either by ringing the Preschool on 01362 860860 or by email beetleypreschool@hotmail.com.

Parking

Please ensure that you avoid parking in the horseshoe or on the rectangular areas marked out on Elmham Road for the safety of all children. The horseshoe needs to be left clear for emergency services and coaches when they drop off and pick-up children from school and the red rectangles are meant to be a safe crossing space for children. Thank you.

