

October 2017 Newsletter

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Dates to remember

Family Activity Morning
Tuesday 3rd October

Committee AGM
Wednesday 4th October

Bags to School
Friday 6th October 2017

Last day of this half term
Thursday 19th October 2017

Halloween Soup Kitchen
Saturday October 28th 2017

Holiday dates for the year
Autumn Half Term

Friday 20th Oct – Friday 27th Oct

Christmas Holidays

Wednesday 20th Dec – Wednesday 3rd Jan

Spring Half Term

Monday 12th – Friday 16th February

Easter Holidays

Monday 29th March – Tuesday 13th April

Summer Half Term

Monday 28th May – Friday 1st June

Last Day of the Summer Term

Tuesday 24th July

Other important dates for your calendar

Family Activity Morning

Wednesday 31st January 2018

Open Week

21st - 25th May 2018

Sports Day

Tuesday 26th June 2018

Outing

Wednesday 4th July 2018

Fundraising Bags to School

Don't forget to bring your bags with unwanted clothes, shoes, bags and soft toys in, before 9am on **Friday 6th October**. The more we have the more money we can raise.

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.

Quiz Night

The termly Quiz night was a great success raising over £200. Thank you to John & Pat Doughty for running the event once again and to the committee members for supplying some lovely desserts. Lookout for the next one after Christmas.

Halloween Soup Kitchen

Come along and enjoy a bowl of homemade soup & bread from our Halloween soup kitchen!

There will be games, a raffle and prizes to be won for fancy dress and best carved pumpkin 🎃

Between 12.30pm and 4pm at Beetley Village Hall on Saturday 28th October.

Adults £4 and Children £2

Tickets to be booked in advance with the Preschool or India Bonnett on 07980375859

100 club

October is our first month of our new 100 club. At the moment we only have 25 members so the prizes were small but our lucky winners are:

Alf Stanford - £5

Emma Ellis - £2.50

Eileen Reilly - £1.25

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

What we are up to

Our theme this half term is farming and the children have been playing in oats, weetabix, pasta and split pea messy trays using tractors to shift and plough. Our story is "Farmer Duck" about a duck who helps out on the farm which the children are getting use to and joining in with repeated refrains throughout the book.

AGM

Don't forget to come and join us at our **AGM on Wednesday 4th October in Preschool at 7.30pm**, enjoy a drink, meet new people and thank the current committee.

There is no obligation to join the committee but we welcome anyone who is interested in helping us to maintain our Outstanding achievements.

Payments

Please continue to put any payments to preschool 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.

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.

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.

Job Vacancy

We are looking for someone to join our team as a relief worker. The successful applicant will need to be available at short notice to cover staff absent, be prepared to support the committee fundraising activities, join in with staff meetings outside preschool hours and be happy to join the rest of the team, voluntary, outside preschool hours to make general changes. You will also need to study for at least a level 2 in childcare, first aid and child protection. If you are interested please ask Di or Emma for an application form. Closing date 10th November.

Policies

At the last committee meeting held on 14th September a number of policies were reviewed and adopted. These are detailed below and are available to read if you wish. Please speak to Di or Emma.

Looked After Children
Behaviour

The following Health & Safety Policies

Safety
Health
Food
Outings
Appendix Safety Checklist
Pandemic
All Weather Protection
Emergency Procedures

SEND

Confidentiality
Working In Partnership with other Agencies
Parental Involvement
Transitions
Ethical Information Sharing
Safeguarding Use of Mobile Phones and Cameras
Safer Recruitment
Staff Induction & Induction Checklists
Babysitting
Professional Conduct
Training & Development
Grievance Procedure
Disciplinary Procedure
Whistle Blowing
All staff Job Descriptions
Supervision
Staff Declaration Form
Staffing & Employment

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.

Contact Details

If you change your phone number, mobile phone number, address or email address; can you please make sure that you let Di or Emma know so we can make sure you receive all the information we send out.