

September 2017 Newsletter

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Dates to remember

Fish & Chip Quiz

Friday 29th September

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

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

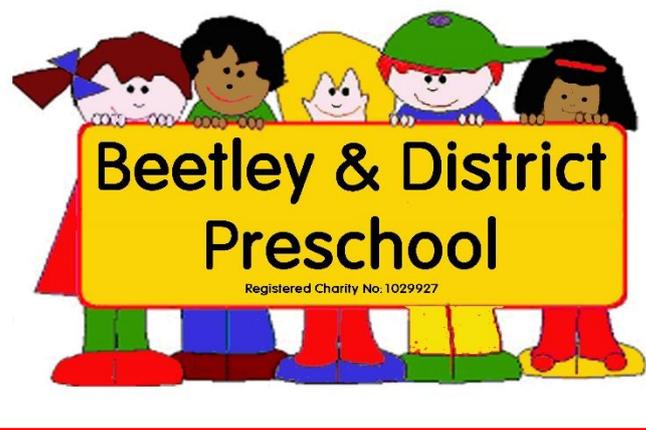
Tuesday 26th June 2018

Outing

Wednesday 4th July 2018

Welcome back.....

We would like to welcome back all our families who were with us in July and welcome to all our new families. We hope you have all had a great summer.



This term staff will be planning small group activities each week to enable children to learn to work and communicate with others, take turns and share and develop their listening and attention skills.

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.



Look out for a new and exciting fundraising venture we will be introducing this year. More information will be available at preschool.

AGM

Our annual general meeting is a very important part of our year, it is a time that we have a brief look at what we've been doing in regards to preschool life, to talk about future projects and fundraising, as well as having the opportunity to thank those parents who have worked as a team on our committee to support the staff, the preschool and raise the money needed to make us sustainable.

It is also a time where we will have to say goodbye to some of those committee members, as their children move on to school and we look to find new committee members.

You will get the chance to put a face to a name that you see or will see in various correspondence that are sent out.

If you would like to know more of what it entails to be a committee member please speak to Di and she will guide you in the right direction. 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 committee. There is no obligation to join the committee but we welcome anyone who is interested in helping us to maintain our Outstanding achievements.

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.

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

Parent volunteer list

On the wall of the foyer we have a parent volunteer list if you would like to come and offer your services to join us for a few hours in the morning or afternoon one day. It's a great opportunity for you to see what goes on at preschool on a typical day and for you to join your child in their play. It's also an extra pair of hands for us which is always welcome or even share with the children something you enjoy doing, baking, reading stories or some form of craft. So if you feel it's something you would like to do pick a day, add your name to the sheet and let Di or Emma know.

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.

Stay & Play sessions

Stay and Play sessions resume on Thursday 7th September at the Village Hall. These sessions are open to anyone who has a child/children aged 0 - 5 years and run from 9.30am to 11am, at a cost of £2.50 per family of up to two children, any additional children at 50p.

An average of 15 families attend each week and people who attend do not have to come to the preschool, so if you have friends that might be interested let them know. Come and join us.

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.

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.

Preschool Fees

A reminder that with effect from September 2017, the preschool will be increasing their fees for both 2-3 club and preschool sessions by 5p. Preschool will be £2.95 per hour for non-funded hours and 2-3 club will increase to £3.25 per hour.

Our Opening Hours Have Changed

As we hope you are all aware, our hours have changed. We will be open at the following times:

Preschool

Monday & Friday	8.30am – 1pm
Tuesday & Thursday	8.30am – 4pm
Wednesday	8.30am – 3pm

2-3 club

Monday & Friday	1.15pm – 3.45pm
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Children can be booked in to start and finish on the hour, quarter past the hour, three quarters of an hour past the hour.

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.

Wish List

We are very lucky to have people ask us if there is anything they could get to support the Preschool. With this in mind we have set up an Amazon account for the Preschool, with a wish list of some of the things we would like, (to see the list go to www.amazon.co.uk, from the "Your Lists" drop down menu on the right choose 'find a list', then type "Beetley" in the search box and you should be able to find the Preschool).

Our wish tree is now up in the foyer and a big thank you to those who have donated items already. If you would like to help us reduce our weekly costs on fruit items for snack for example, please look at the wish tree pick an apple detailing the product you would like to donate and hand it to a member of staff. Thank you for your continued support and generosity.

Tapestry

Tapestry, our online Learning Journal, has added a new feature called "Care Diary". This allows staff to record general comments about your child's day, for example how they have settled, any toileting progress, whether they ate their lunch and a short comment about what they have done. As it is new, we will aim to use it once a week to start with, so look out for this information being emailed to you.