

March 2018 Newsletter

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Dates to remember

Spring Afternoon Tea
Saturday 10th March 2018

Last Day of Spring Term
Wednesday 28th March 2018

Easter Holidays
Thursday 29th March – Friday 13th April

Back to School
Monday 16th April 2018

Bags to School
Friday 27th April

Family Photographs
Saturday 28th April 2018

Duck Race
Sunday 29th April

Summer Half Term
Monday 28th May – Friday 1st June

What are we up to.....

This short time in the run up to Easter is flying by. The children so far have been exploring light and shadow using a light box in the dark. They will be able to enjoy some Mother's Day and Easter craft too.

Fees Increase

From April the 1st, the National Living Wage is going up, due to this we are going to have to make a small increase of 10p per hour in our fees from the summer term. This means the hour rate for 2-3 club will be £3.35 and for Preschool £3.05. This will take affect from April 16th. If you have any questions please speak to Di Calvert

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.

Bad Weather

Well the snow came.

We apologise if us closing caused too many problems for any of you but it was deemed unsafe for some staff members to make the journey. Hopefully all of you whose children who were due in received a text message or email from us or you saw the information on our Facebook page or website or you were able to see on Norfolk County council schools website that St Mary's school, Beetley was shut.

Changed your contact details?

If you have changed your mobile or landline number, or moved house, please can you ensure that you have informed the preschool these changes so that we can keep our records up to date. Thank you.

Family Photographs

Last year we had a lovely lady called Terri come to the Preschool on a Saturday to take professional photographs. The results were great, she was able to get even the most reluctant children to sit and have a photo taken. We are pleased to announce that she will be returning on Saturday 28th April and you can book slots starting from 10am. We are limited to 25 slots, so that Terri has time to spend with each group to get the best shots. A list will be in the Preschool from Monday 5th March to book your place. There is no obligation to purchase.

New Build Project

We have a dream to build a new Preschool. To gather opinion and see what is viable we want your views on what you may be looking for in the way of childcare in the future. Please complete and return the survey that should be in your child's folder or complete the online survey following the link that may have been emailed to you. Thank you.

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

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 last session for this half term will be **Thursday 22nd March**. Sessions will resume on **Thursday 19th April**.

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.

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

Website

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

NO NUTS

We have had a few children recently come in with food in their lunch boxes that contain 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.

Fundraising

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 March 100 club draw are:

1st Prize – L Calvert No.4

2nd Prize – D Lannon No.13

3rd Prize – M Howell No.29

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

Bags to School

Don't forget during the Easter break to have a sort out of your unwanted clothes, bags and soft toys in preparation for our next collection on Friday 27th April.

Fish & Chip Quiz

This was well attended again. Thank you to Pat and John Doughty for their continued organising. We raised £172.06!! **We are hoping to hold the next one on Friday 15th June**. Thank you.

Spring Afternoon Tea

Don't forget the afternoon tea. Details are below. There are still a few spaces left.

Beetley & District Preschool presents

SPRING TIME 

AFTERNOON TEA



Saturday 10th March 2018

at Beetley Village Hall, NR20 4BY

From 2.30pm until 4pm

£10 per person

which includes Afternoon Tea and a glass of fizz
(Non-alcoholic alternative also available)

Crafts and food available at an additional £2.50 per child
Spaces must be pre-booked in advance

Contact Debbie on 07917440229 or email deborahlannon@hotmail.co.uk
Please let us know of any dietary requirements



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.

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

Tapestry

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

