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Newsletter

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Dates to remember

Bags to School

Friday 27th April

Family Photographs

Saturday 28th April 2018

Duck Race

Sunday 29th April

Open Week

21st - 25th May 2018

Summer Half Term

Monday 28th May – Friday 1st June

Fish & Chip Quiz

Friday 15th June

Sports Day

Tuesday 26th June 2018

Summer Outing

Wednesday 4th July 2018

What are we up to.....

Welcome back, we hope you had a good Easter break. The summer term is always one of the busiest so please take a moment to make a note of the dates to put in your diaries so you don't miss anything over the coming weeks.

In preschool this half term we will be looking at new life and are planning to have some chicken eggs to watch hatch and some caterpillars which we will see transform into butterflies.

Fees Increase

From April the 1st, the National Living Wage went up and as mentioned previously we have had to make a small increase of 10p per hour in our fees, with effect from the summer term. This means the hour rate for 2-3 club will be £3.35 and for Preschool £3.05. If you have any questions please speak to Di Calvert

School Dinners

The cost of school dinners is increasing to £2.30 this term. If you would like a hot school dinner for your child we can order it from the school.

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.

Changed your contact details?

If you have changed your mobile or landline number, email address or moved house, please can you ensure that you have informed the preschool of 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. She is returning on Saturday 28th April and there are still some slots available if you haven't already booked so please speak to a member of staff. **There is no obligation to purchase.**

New Build Project

Thank you to all who completed our survey. Results indicated that there is a need for more and extended childcare in the area and the project committee will continue to forge ahead with their plans for a new premises. We will keep you posted.

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

Children's Belongings

As you are all aware we are very full on all days at preschool with 24 children attending each day. With this in mind please, please could we ask that you check that all your child's belongings that they bring to school, are named. We know that many of you do this anyway but some labels are written on and these fade over time making them sometimes hard to read. This would help us greatly at the end of each day when we try to match items to children. If your child has mislaid anything there is a pink bucket in the foyer where lost property gets put, so please check regularly. Thank you for your help.

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, invite your friends.

There will be no session on **Thursday 31st May** as this is half term.

Illness

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

We have had a long bout 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

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.

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.

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 April 100 club draw are:

1st Prize – No. 24 – E Wheeler

2nd Prize – No. 32 - Hollier

3rd Prize – No.13 – D Lannon

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

Bags to School

Don't forget our next collection is Friday 27th April. So sort out your unwanted clothes, bags and soft toys and bring them in. Bags are available in preschool.

Fish & Chip Quiz

We are hoping to hold the next one on Friday 15th June. Look out for more details.

Spring Afternoon Tea

The Spring Afternoon Tea was a great success again and thanks goes to committee and staff for all their hard work. We raised just over £400.00.

Duck Race



DUCK RACE
SUNDAY 29th APRIL 2018
On the river at Beetley Meadow
Fun from 12pm with Duck Race at 12.30pm

£1 a duck

BBQ, Refreshments, Crafts, Raffle &
Welly Wanging Competition

Ducks from Beetley Preschool,
Committee Members or Debbie on 07917 440229
or beetleypreschool@hotmail.com



Tesco Tokens

You may have noticed the new storage units, room dividers and low level computer desk that Mrs. Knights and Mrs. O'Brien put together at the end of last term. These along with a new touch screen computer are what we were able to get because you and your family and friends collected the most Tesco tokens.

THANK YOU

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.

Milk Bottles

If you have 1 or 2 pints of milk, when the milk is finished could you please bring in the bottles for us to use for planting. Thank you.

Parking

This even more of an issue at the moment with the road works taking place. To keep all the children safe and **please ensure that you avoid parking in the horseshoe, on the zig-zag lines at the corner of the horseshoe or on the rectangular areas marked out on Elmham Road. 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.**

Also it has been brought to our attention **that some younger children are being left in the cars when older children are being dropped off, if you are unable to bring them in please ring the preschool or ask another parent to ask us when they come in, and we will come out and collect your child.**

Thank you.

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.

