

# July 2018 Newsletter

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## Dates to remember

### **Picnic week**

Monday 2<sup>nd</sup> – Friday 6<sup>th</sup> July 2018

### **Summer Outing**

Tuesday 3<sup>rd</sup> July 2018

### **End of term Party**

Tuesday 24<sup>th</sup> July 2018

No preschool session on this day

### **Back to school**

Thursday 6<sup>th</sup> September 2018

## **What are we up to.....**

We are nearing the end of this school year, but we still have lots of activities to get involved in. This week is picnic week when children will make their own lunch and we will have a picnic in the flower meadow attached to the main school field. The only day this won't be happening is Tuesday 3<sup>rd</sup> when we have our Outing to Sandringham.

Thank you to everyone who was able to make it to our Sports Day event. It was very hot but all the children joined in and we hope fun was had by all!

## **New Staff**

We are pleased to announce that Julie East has joined the team since the publication of the last newsletter. Julie has previously worked for Sainsbury for the past 23 years and is looking for a new challenge. She seems to have settled in and we're glad to welcome her to the preschool.

## **School Dinners**

The cost of school dinners is £2.30. 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.

## **Picnic Week**

Just a reminder about our week of picnics which will be held in the flower meadow of the main school. This will commence on Monday 2<sup>nd</sup> July – Friday 6<sup>th</sup> July. On these days the children attending will make their own sandwiches in the morning, **children who normally have hot school dinner will be making their own lunch along with their friends and will not need a hot school dinner this week.** If any parents/carers wish to join us for a picnic lunch please meet us at the preschool at 12 noon on each day. Please note that Tuesday 3<sup>rd</sup> July is the outing to Sandringham.

## **Preschool Outing**

Hopefully you are all looking forward to our outing on Tuesday to Sandringham Country Park. For children travelling with us without a parent/carer please could you ensure they have a bag they are able to carry containing their lunch and plenty to drink as it looks like it will be very hot, and dressed appropriately for the hot weather. For those traveling by coach, we are hoping to leave preschool at about 9.30am and return by 3pm. Any queries please speak to Di or Emma. 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

## **Graduation and End of Term Party**

Our end of term party will take place on Tuesday 24<sup>th</sup> July from 11am. **There will be no preschool session on that day**, but everyone is welcome to join us to say goodbye to the children going off to big school and celebrate the year we have had. Hot dogs and ice cream usually follow a short graduation ceremony so please come and join the fun.

If your child is due to leave us this July can you let Di or Emma know if they will be attending the end of term party.

## New Operational hours from September 2018

From September 2018, our opening hours for  
Preschool children are as follows:

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

### MySchoolsApp

The Preschool now have its own app which you are  
able to download onto your smart  
phone. It will allow you to access lots of  
Preschool information including  
newsletters, the website, Tapestry,



Term Dates, Policies and lots more, all from the one  
place. The app is free to download you just need to  
search for MySchoolsApp in the app store. Once  
downloaded you will need to search for the  
preschool entering either "Beetley & District Pre-  
school" or Postcode NR20 4BW when prompted.  
The app is new to the preschool and we are still  
working out how to utilize it to its full potential. So  
please bear with us. We hope you will find it useful  
and would welcome any feedback. If you need any  
help please speak to Di or Emma. Thank you.

### 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.

The last session this term will be on **Thursday 19<sup>th</sup>  
July.**

### Tapestry

Please note that to access Tapestry you will now  
need to use the following: [www.tapestryjournal.com](http://www.tapestryjournal.com).

### Website

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

## 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" ;  
"easyfundraising.co.uk" or "Amazon Smile". 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](http://www.giveasyoulive.com/join/beetleypreschool)  
or [www.easyfundraising.org.uk](http://www.easyfundraising.org.uk)

or [smile.amazon.co.uk](http://smile.amazon.co.uk).(when using Amazon Smile  
please search for "Beetley and District Pre-school")  
Thank you.

### 100 club

The winners of the July 100 club draw are:

1st Prize – 17 - A Sandford

2nd Prize – 12 – D Calvert

3rd Prize – 27 – J McGrane

### Quiz

A huge thank you again to John and Pat Doughty  
for organising a great Fish & Chip Quiz. This was  
by far the most successful quiz night we have ever  
had and that is also thank you to all those that  
attended. We raised £303!! So thank you again for  
your support.

### New Build

Di and Donna Chessum have been to visit a  
company who provide modular buildings, to  
look at designs and discuss our requirements.  
We will be launching our fundraising campaign  
for the new build at our end of term party,  
where hopefully we will have a printout of the  
new layout we are hoping to have.

If you have any questions about the new build  
or know of anyone that would be happy to  
sponsor or is able to advise us on any aspects  
for the new build, please speak to Di.

### 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.

### Parking

**KEEP** all the children safe, **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.**

### **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.

### **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](mailto:beetleypreschool@hotmail.com)

### **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.

## **2018-2019 Term Dates**

Thursday 6<sup>th</sup> September – First day of term

Wednesday 17<sup>th</sup> October – Last day of half term

Monday 29<sup>th</sup> October – First day of half term

Friday 14<sup>th</sup> December – Last day of term

Monday 17<sup>th</sup> December – Nativity (more details to follow).

Thursday 3<sup>rd</sup> January – First day of spring term

Friday 15<sup>th</sup> February – Last day of half term

Monday 25<sup>th</sup> February – First day back

Friday 5<sup>th</sup> April – Last day of term

Tuesday 23<sup>rd</sup> April – First day of summer term

Monday 6<sup>th</sup> May – closed for bank holiday

Friday 24<sup>th</sup> May – last day of half term

Monday 3<sup>rd</sup> June – First day back

Friday 19<sup>th</sup> July – Last day of term

Monday 22<sup>nd</sup> July – Graduation party.