

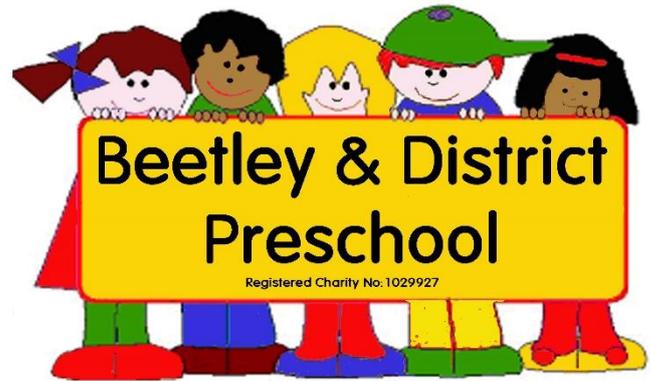
November 2018 Newsletter

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Dates to remember

Family Activity Morning

Wednesday 7th November 2018

Bags to School

Friday 9th November 2018

Jumble Sale

Sunday 25th November 2018

Christmas Wreath Making

Friday 30th November 2018

Saturday 1st December 2018

Last Preschool & 2-3 Club sessions

Friday 14th December 2018

Christmas Nativity & Party

Monday 17th December 2018

Welcome back.....

We hope you all had a lovely half term break?

Thank you to all those families that have made a family tree for their child to share with their friends in preschool. They really are making a wonderful display on the wall in the mobile and giving us lots to talk about.

This half term we have the family activity session on Wednesday 7th November and then we will begin to prepare for Christmas activities. The children will have the opportunity to make decorations for a tree which will be on display in Dereham Children's Centre week commencing Monday 10th December, for parents and carers to visit and view what we have made. The theme is "Our Little Christmas" and it's a chance for the children to get creative and show what Christmas means to them. Their work will be displayed alongside other Early Years settings in the area.

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.

Fundraising Bags to School

Don't forget to bring your bags with unwanted clothes, shoes, bags and soft toys in, before 9am on **Friday 9th November**. 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 or smile.amazon.co.uk (when using Amazon Smile please search for "Beetley and District Pre-school") Thank you.

100 club

November is our first month of our new 100 club draw. Our lucky winners are:

1st Prize – P Brown

2nd Prize - M Lusher

3rd Prize – A Sandford

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

Quiz night

Thank you to everyone who attended the last Fish & Chip Quiz. Another successful night was organised by Pat and John Doughty and our thanks go to them. We raised in over £240 to add to our new build fund!

Halloween Party

The committee organised and held a very successful Halloween Party last weekend. They raised £350 which is fantastic and thank you to all those families who supported the event.

Jumble Sale

We are holding a Jumble Sale on Sunday 25th November at 10am at Beetley Village Hall. If you have anything you would like to donate please contact Elle on 07881 780023. Otherwise remember the date and come along a grab bargain!

OurSchoolsApp

If you haven't downloaded it yet, what are you waiting for? Download onto your smart phone or tablet 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 OurSchoolsApp 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. If you need any help please speak to Di or Emma. Thank you.

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.

New Build

A draft lease has been drawn up and passed on to the Parish Council for approval and we are still waiting to hear if we are able to get amenities on the site.

The committee are still working hard to build on the funds to help us move forward as soon as we get the go ahead.

We will keep you updated.

Fees & 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.

You can also set up an account on the Government website to support you with your fees, they will contribute 20p for every pound you have to pay.

Christmas Wreath Making

Only a few spaces left on Saturday morning so don't leave it too long to book.

CHRISTMAS WREATH MAKING

At Beetley Village Hall

**Friday 30th November
& Saturday 1st December 2018**

Doors open from
7pm for 7.30pm start on Friday &
9.30am for 10am start on Saturday

£12 including all materials

**Christmas Stalls, Refreshments
& Raffle**



Contact Debbie on
07917 440229
to book your place

Limited places on each session

Christmas Nativity & Party

This year our Christmas Nativity and Party will be held on Monday 17th December. This year we will be holding the Nativity in Old Beetley Church at 11.30am with a Party in Beetley village Hall from 12.30pm. Please note that the last preschool and 2-3 club sessions will be held on Friday 14th December. There will be no sessions on Monday 17th and Tuesday 18th December.

All children and their parents/carers are welcome to attend the nativity and party. We ask that parents/carers donate food for the party, a list will be out in preschool from 26th November, so please keep your eye open. We will also have a visit from a special visitor at the party. So please join us.

Stay & Play sessions

Stay and Play sessions continue to run on Thursday's at the Village Hall. The last one this half term will be on **Thursday 13th December**. 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.

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.

Children's Belongings

Please could we ask that all your child's belongings are clearly named. We know that many of you do this 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.

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

If you are bringing in your child before 9am and picking up any time from 3.15pm – 3.30pm you could park in the car park along Fakenham road and walk through the school grounds. This is a much safer place to park. If you are unable to do this then can you please remember not to park on the zig-zag lines at the corner of the horseshoe, in the horse shoe or on the rectangular areas marked out on Elmham Road.

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.

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.

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

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

Illness

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

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

