

# February 2019 Newsletter

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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 is available in preschool.

## Fundraising

### Online shopping

If you shop on line why not use the opportunity to help raise money for the preschool.

Follow the links below to register your support, a percentage of what you spend is donated to preschool. [www.easyfundraising.org.uk](http://www.easyfundraising.org.uk).

[www.giveasyoulive.com/join/beetleypreschool](http://www.giveasyoulive.com/join/beetleypreschool)

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

### Fish & Chip Quiz

We will be holding our next quiz night on Friday 8<sup>th</sup> February. Places now are all full, but we will be having another one in June if you have missed out this time.

### 100 club

The winners of the February 100 club draw are:

1st Prize – No. 9 J Lusher £8

2nd Prize – No. 27 R Metcalf £4

3rd Prize – No. 7 K Melton £2

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

### Bungee Jump!!

Julie East has very bravely volunteered to do a bungee jump to raise money for the Preschool New Build Project. The jump will take place on Saturday 18<sup>th</sup> May in Cambridge and we want to be able to raise as much money as possible for our project and to show our support to Julie. Sponsorship forms will be available in the preschool. Please ask a member of staff.

## Dates to remember

### **Fish & Chip Quiz**

Friday 8<sup>th</sup> February 2019

### **Half Term**

18<sup>th</sup> – 22<sup>nd</sup> February 2019

### **Family Activity Morning**

Thursday 4<sup>th</sup> April 2019

### **Last day of Spring Term**

Friday 5<sup>th</sup> April 2019

### **First Day of Summer Term**

Tuesday 23<sup>rd</sup> April 2019

### **Summer half term**

27<sup>th</sup> – 31<sup>st</sup> May 2019

### **Return from half term**

Monday 3<sup>rd</sup> June 2019

### **Last day Term**

Friday 19<sup>th</sup> July 2019

### **Graduation Party**

Monday 22<sup>nd</sup> July 2019

### **First Day of New School Year**

Wednesday 4<sup>th</sup> September 2019

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

The children have been enjoying Yoga exercises, playdough disco and exploring the school grounds collecting brown, green, prickly, soft, rough and smooth items. The next three weeks will see them learning phonics sounds, using ICT equipment and playing board games.

## School Dinners

If you would like a hot school dinner for your child, we can order it from the school at a cost of £2.30.

## Bad Weather

We have reached that time of year again where we may have to close due to snow and the roads being dangerous. If this happens, we will use "Our Schools App", send out a text message to all those

who are on the messaging service, put a notice on our Facebook page and on the Family Information Service page. You can also check on the Norfolk County Councils, school's website or listen to the local radio. We will close if St Mary's School Beetley decides to close.

### **Family Activity Morning**

A date for your diary is the next family activity morning, which will be held on Thursday 4<sup>th</sup> April 2019, with an Easter theme. More details will follow after half term.

### **Fees**

To be able to meet the 5% rise in the National Living Wage taking effect from 1<sup>st</sup> April, we will be making a small increase in the fees we charge taking effect from the beginning of the summer term. 2-3 club will increase to £3.50 per hour, preschool sessions will increase to £3.20 per hour.

### **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. 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.

### **Speech & Language**

If you are worried about your child's Speech and Language development, you can attend a drop-in session and have a friendly, informal chat with a speech and language therapist at: **Fakenham Children's Centre** – Norwich Road, Fakenham, NR21 8HH

**Thursday 14<sup>th</sup> March 9.30 – 11.30**

**Swaffham Children's Centre** – White Cross Road, Swaffham, PE37 7RF

**Thursday 19<sup>th</sup> March 9.30 – 11.30**

**Litcham Children's Centre** – Weasenham Road, Litcham, PE32 2QT

**Wednesday 6<sup>th</sup> March 9.30 – 11.30**

### **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

### **Stay & Play sessions**

Stay and Play sessions resume on Thursday 3<sup>rd</sup> January 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 will be no session on **Thursday 21st February** due to half term.

### **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.

### **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.

### **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 and including Chicken pox. If you 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 child/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).

### **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.**

**Thank you.**

## 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 Preschool" or Postcode NR20 4BW when prompted. We are hoping that this app and our Facebook page will be the way we will inform you if the preschool has to close for any unforeseen emergency like adverse weather conditions. So please could you download the app and if you are unable to please speak to Di or Emma. Thank you.

## 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. 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.

## Parent Questionnaire

Our aim, is to try and meeting all the children and family's needs that use the preschool. To help us get a better understand of what we do well and what we could improve we will be sending out questionnaires before half term. We would really appreciate it if you could complete them and return them to us.

## Staffing

Mrs Ellis will be absent from preschool from 1<sup>st</sup> February until Monday 25<sup>th</sup> February. If she is your child's key person, other staff members will still be doing observations on the children and then Mrs Ellis will track them on her return.

