

March 2019 Newsletter

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Dates to remember

Family Activity Morning
Thursday 4th April 2019

Last day of Spring Term
Friday 5th April 2019

First Day of Summer Term
Tuesday 23rd April 2019

Duck Race
Sunday 28th April 2019

Summer half term
27th – 31st May 2019

Return from half term
Monday 3rd June 2019

Last day Term
Friday 19th July 2019

Graduation Party
Monday 22nd July 2019

First Day of New School Year
Wednesday 4th September 2019

What are we up to.....

We hope you all enjoyed a good half term break. This half term in the lead up to Easter will see the children enjoy some cooking activities when they get to make pancakes next week and this week we are enjoying being outside designing and building an obstacle course.

Don't forget our family activity morning on Thursday 4th April. Look out for separate letter with details.

Family Activity Morning

Come and join us at preschool on Thursday 4th April for some fun Easter activities.

Even if your child does normally attend a Thursday morning you can come with them and join in. A letter will be coming out shortly for you to be able to book places.

Summer Preschool session.

You will be receiving forms shortly to complete to say the hours your child will be doing for the summer term. We do need you to complete them and then return them to preschool to help us claim funding and prepare bills.

Unless you have already spoken to Diane and agreed different days for the summer, unfortunately we are unable to offer extra days to people as places are already full.

Fees

To be able to meet the 5% rise in the National Living Wage taking effect from 1st 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.

Illness

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

At the end of last half term a lot of children were ill with various things. To try and stop others getting ill can we please remind you, 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 and staff. This is important because if many staff members fall ill at the same time it could lead to temporary closure whilst they recover. Thank you for your understanding.

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.

Parent Questionnaire

Our aim, is to try and meet all the children and their family's needs whilst using the preschool. To help us get a better understanding of what we do well and what we could improve we will be sending out questionnaires. We would really appreciate it if you could complete them and return them to us.

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.

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.

www.giveasyoulive.com/join/beetleypreschool

www.smile.amazon.co.uk. (when using Amazon Smile please search for "Beetley and District Pre-school") Thank you.

Fish & Chip Quiz

Thank you again to John and Pat Doughty for organizing a great quiz night again and for all of you who attended. We raised £337. Thank you again for all your support. The next quiz night is **14th June**

100 club

The winners of the March 100 club draw are:

1st Prize – No. 5 - M Lusher

2nd Prize – No. 15 - R Mfanyane

3rd Prize – No. 21 – E Ellis

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 18th 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 are available in the preschool. Please ask a member of staff.

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 14th March 9.30 – 11.30

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

Thursday 19th March 9.30 – 11.30

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

Wednesday 6th 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 3rd 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.

The last session this term will be Thursday 4th April.

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. Our aim is to update it half termly with photos and posts showing what we've been up to.

avoid giving the illness to other children. Thank you.

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.

Policies

The following policies were reviewed and adopted by the committee at the last committee meeting:

Health & Safety Policy Statement
Health & Safety – Health, First Aid & Hygiene
Health & Safety – Safety Procedures
Health & Safety – Pandemic Policy

Copies of the policies are available on the preschool website or please speak to Di or Emma.

Beetley & District Preschool

Mother's Day Afternoon Tea

Saturday 30th March 2019

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 £5 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

