

# May 2019 Newsletter

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## Dates to remember

### **Child & Family Photographs**

Saturday 11<sup>th</sup> May 2019

### **Beetley Yard Sale**

Sunday 19<sup>th</sup> May 2019

### **Bags to School**

Tuesday 21<sup>st</sup> May 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

### **Fish & Chip Quiz**

Friday 14<sup>th</sup> June 2019

### **Sports Day**

Tuesday 18<sup>th</sup> June 2019

From 1.30pm

### **Preschool Outing**

Tuesday 2<sup>nd</sup> July 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.....

We've returned from Easter and loads has happened already! We have caterpillars in the preschool getting bigger by the minute and hopefully their full transformation will take place before half term. You may have received an invitation regarding open week which runs from 20<sup>th</sup> – 24<sup>th</sup> May. We hope you will be able to come and see what your children get up to when they are here.

## Family Activity Morning

Thank you to everyone who came to the last activity morning. It was very busy but we hope you all had fun! Following feedback from the questionnaires and because the last morning was so well attended, from September we have decided to hold an Activity week each term. You will have the opportunity to come in to preschool on any day of the week, probably between 9am and 10am and take part in some craft activities with you child based on a theme. This way we hope to allow everyone lots of opportunity to attend spread over 5 days.

## Annual Preschool Outing

The date for the annual summer outing is Tuesday 2<sup>nd</sup> July. The venue is to be confirmed but please keep the day free it's always a fun day out.

## Sports Day

Our annual Sports afternoon will be held on Tuesday 18<sup>th</sup> June from 1.30pm weather permitting. As in past years it will be held on the far field next to the school carpark. All children (and parents/carers) from preschool and 2-3 club are invited, but those who don't usually attend on a Tuesday must be accompanied by an adult. We hope to see you all there.

## 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

## 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.

### Duck Race

The Duck race was a huge success again this year. Thank you to the committee for all their hard work and organization, Dominic and his team in the river and to all of you who turned out. It stayed dry and the ducks eventually made it to the end of the course!! We raised an amazing £1446.37.

### 100 club

The winners of the May 100 club draw are:

1st Prize – 21 – E Ellis

2nd Prize – 13 – D Lannon

3rd Prize – 15 – R Mfanyane

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. You can either sponsor her at preschool or on line at: [https://www.justgiving.com/crowdfunding/julie-east-bps?utm\\_term=25M2xQ6J](https://www.justgiving.com/crowdfunding/julie-east-bps?utm_term=25M2xQ6J). Please ask a member of staff.

### Bags to School

We have arranged a Bags to School collection for **Tuesday 21<sup>st</sup> May**. Please can you ensure that your bags are in preschool by 9am for collection. Thank you.

### Fish & Chip Quiz

The next fish & Chip Quiz night is on **Friday 14<sup>th</sup> June 2019**. This is always a fun night but does get booked up very quickly. Teams can be made up of up to 6 people and cost £8 per person which includes food. Please contact the preschool if you would like to reserve a table.

## Child & Family Portraits

by

## Terri Brice Photography

Come along on

**Saturday 11th May 2019**

and have photos of your  
Child & Families taken

Slots available from 9.30am until 12.30pm

Slots must be booked in advance with the preschool

01362 860860 or  
beetleypreschool@hotmail.com

Minimum number of slots booked is required by the preschool, event may be cancelled if this is not reached



## Parking

I know this is something we mention each month, but we still have families parking in areas that make it unsafe for children and also not taking local residents in to consideration.

**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, with part of your wheels on the path or blocking peoples driveways.**

Thank you.

## 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.

## 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.

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## 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.

## 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.



## Illness

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

To try and stop the spread of illness 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](mailto:beetleypreschool@hotmail.com).

## 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 Summary

H & S Duties and Responsibilities of committee & H & S Officer

H & S Risk Assessment

H & S Identification of an Illness

Some of the policies are available on the preschool website or on request, please speak to Di or Emma.

**BEETLEY**  
**Community Yard Sale**  
**19th May 9-12pm**  
Pitches available on the school playground  
BOOK NOW - 07881780023  
Many sales throughout the village and a huge craft fair in the school hall.