

July 2019 Newsletter

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If your child is due to leave us this July, but you are unable to attend the party please can you let Di or Emma know. Thank you

Dates to remember

Preschool Outing
Tuesday 2nd July 2019

Last day Term
Friday 19th July 2019

Graduation Party
Monday 22nd July 2019

First Day of New School Year
Wednesday 4th September 2019

The preschool's first day back after the summer holidays is currently as above. If this date proves to be different from the majority of other schools in the area it may be subject to change.

What are we up to.....

We are approaching the end of our summer term and the children have begun their transition visits to school. Our sports day afternoon was a great success, thank you to all those who came to watch. Hope you didn't mind getting a bit wet?! Our outing is on Tuesday and we hope the weather stays fine for our day out at Melsop Farm. You should all have received a letter giving full details about the day.

Library Books

Please could you ensure that all library books are returned to the preschool by **Monday 8th July**. Thank you.

Graduation and End of Term Party

Our end of term party will take place on Monday **22nd July** from 11am. **There will be no preschool or 2-3 club sessions 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.

New Build Project

Although it has been very quiet with news of our new build project, a small team of people are working behind the scene to keep things moving. We are still awaiting a confirmed lease from the parish council for the site we want to put the building on. We have plans to hold a consultation with local residents who are nearest to the site, hopefully before we break-up for the summer holidays. Once all of this has been done we will go ahead with putting in for planning permission.

Committee

As a charity organization to be able to run, the preschool has to be managed by a committee. This committee is made up of mainly parents/carers of children from the preschool. As children move on to school, some of the committee members leave and fingers crossed new members join. This normally takes place at our AGM and the provisional date for this is **30th September 2019**.

If you feel you would like to be more involved in the preschool and help us achieve our goals but are not sure what it involves but would like to find out more, please speak to either Di or Emma who will either answer your questions or introduce you to existing committee members who can share their experiences.

WITHOUT A COMMITTEE WE CAN NOT RUN AND WOULD HAVE TO CLOSE.

Policies

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

- Fees & Charges
- Transitions Policy
- Training & Development
- Student Placement

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

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 Preschool") Thank you.

100 club

The winners of the July 100 club draw are:

1st Prize – No. 16 - J Lusher - £8

2nd Prize – No. 23 - E. Reilly- £4

3rd Prize – No. 20 S Knights - £2

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

Fish & Chip Quiz

The last fish & Chip Quiz night was well attended again raising £212.99. Thanks goes to again to Pat and John Doughty for organising the event. Look out for more quiz's next term.

School Summer Fete

Staff manned a stall at St Mary's school summer fete on the 22nd June and managed to raise £108. Thank you for committee for organising and to staff who held the fort on the day.



A Huge Thank you

We would like to express our thanks and gratitude for the amazing support you have given to our fundraising activities through out the year. You are all aware of our dream for a bigger, better preschool and to date we have raised over **£30,000** towards our aim.

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

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 into 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.

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.

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.



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.



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.

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

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.

