

June 2019 Newsletter

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Dates to remember

Return from half term
Monday 3rd June 2019

Fish & Chip Quiz
Friday 14th June 2019

Sports Day
Tuesday 18th June 2019
From 1.30pm

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

What are we up to.....

Our Open week was very busy and we hope all those that were able to join us throughout the week enjoyed making boats, planes, rockets and butterflies with their child. Talking of butterflies, one of the caterpillars we had made their transformation into a butterfly during half term (take a look on our Facebook page). Hopefully you will have noticed the beautiful pansies that the children have planted and are hanging on the preschool fence, we are hoping that these will attract more butterflies.

Over the coming weeks you should all receive a letter from your child's key person inviting you into the setting to discuss their progress.

This half term is always exceptionally busy for us as we prepare the children who will be leaving us for their transition to school, have our sports day, our outing and end of term party. Please make a note of the above dates so that you don't miss anything.

Surprise

What a surprise we had when we arrived this morning to find this lovely new **Mud Kitchen** in our play area.



We would like to say a big thank you to **Jason Lusher** for taking the time and effort to source the materials and then build it for us. We would also like to say thank you to **MACE**, who paid for the Jason's time and for the paint and **TRANT** who supplied the timber.

The children are going to have so much fun.

GREAT NEWS.

Those of you whose children receive funding for your child's place at preschool will be aware that when you have taken your child out of preschool to go on holiday we have had to amend your funding claim and then bill you for the hours they have missed. After a survey carried out by Norfolk County Council and Early Years Providers, this has now changed and we will no longer have to charge you for absence due to holidays. They have decided to make the change with effect from 1st of April, so if you have already been charged for absence from 1st April to 23rd May, when we received the information, you will be refunded.

Annual Preschool Outing

The date for the annual summer outing is **Tuesday 2nd July**. The venue is now confirmed as Melsop Farm and you should have all received a letter about it. Please ensure you return the booking form if you wish you and/or your child to attend together with payment by **Monday 17th June**. Thank you.

Sports Day

Our annual Sports afternoon will be held on **Tuesday 18th 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.

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.

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

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 in September/October.

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:

H & S All Weather policy
H & S Outings policy
The Role of a Key Person
SEND
Equipment & Resources Policy
Use of Volunteers

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 Pre-school") Thank you.

100 club

The winners of the June 100 club draw are:

1st Prize – No.28 – L Hurt

2nd Prize – No.38 – K Howell

3rd Prize – No.13 – D Lannon

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

Bungee Jump!!

Well she did it!



Julie East was extremely brave and completed her bungee jump on a cold, wet day at Wyboston Lakes near Cambridge with some family and staff members watching. If you haven't seen it yet you can watch a video of her jump on our Facebook page. To date she has raised over £670 for the preschool new build project. If you haven't sponsored Julie already and would like to you can speak to a member of staff in preschool or go online at: https://www.justgiving.com/crowdfunding/julie-east-bps?utm_term=25M2xQ6J. We want to say a huge thank you to Julie, it was not an easy activity to watch let alone complete and she was a complete star!!

Fish & Chip Quiz

The next fish & Chip Quiz night is on **Friday 14th 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.

Thank you to all committee members who maned stalls at Stanfield Fete and others who also raised money through the Beetley Community yard sale.

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.

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.

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 down load 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.

