

September 2019 Newsletter

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Dates to remember

Committee AGM

Monday 30th September 2019

Last day of this half term

Friday 18th October 2019

Murder Mystery Party

Friday 18th October

Halloween Party

Saturday 19th October

Family Activity Week

Monday 28th – Friday 1st November 2019

Jumble Sale

Sunday 3rd November

Bags To School

Thursday 7th November

Christmas Wreath Making

Friday 29th November (evening)

Saturday 30th November (morning)

2019-2020 Term Dates

Friday 18th October – Last day of 1st half term

Monday 28th October – First day of 2nd half term

Tuesday 17th December – Last day of Autumn term

Wednesday 18th December – Nativity (more details to follow.)

Monday 6th January 2020 – First day of spring term

Spring half term – Monday 17th – 21st February

Wednesday 1st April – Last day of Spring term

Monday 20th April – First day of Summer term

Summer half term – Monday 25th – Friday 29th May

Last day of summer term – Monday 20th July

Graduation party (to be confirmed).

Welcome back.....

We would like to welcome back all our families who were with us in July and welcome to all new families who have joined us. We hope you have all had a great summer.

This year we will be looking at a different story each half term and the children will be able to take part in activities linked to the story. The first story is Little Red Hen, a good story for this time of year as it coincides with harvest time.

We will also be organising a Family Activity Week instead of one activity morning. This hopefully will allow all parents, grandparents and carers an opportunity to come into preschool each term and take part in some activities with their children. It will also help alleviate some of the space issues we experienced when lots of parents attend at the same time. Look out for more information later in the month.

AGM

As a charity organisation, 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. The committee meets each month at the preschool and we will be looking for some new parents/carers to join us as some of our current members leave because their children are now attending primary school. Our AGM is on **Monday 30th September 2019** and everyone is welcome to attend whether you want to help on the committee or not.

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.

New Build project

Anyone who is new to the preschool may not be aware that we have a dream to build new premises as we have really outgrown our present mobile building. We are hoping to be able to build on the land adjacent to the primary school carpark on Fakenham Road. We are currently waiting for confirmation from the Parish council for a lease agreement and four informal meetings have been held with local residents. This was to inform them of our plans and discuss any queries they may have.

The project has also been mentioned in the Beetley Buzz.

We will endeavor to keep you all informed of developments via the newsletters and obviously there will be many fundraising events for you all to get involved in and help us realise our dream.

Fundraising Bags to School

Another collection date has been arranged so don't forget to bring your bags with unwanted clothes, shoes, bags and soft toys in, before 9am on **Thursday 7th November**. The more we have the more money we can raise.

Online shopping

Do you like to shop on line? If so you could help raise money for the preschool every time you shop.

You can do so by either using "giveasyoulive.com" or "easyfundraising.co.uk". Follow the links below to register your support and a percentage of what you spend will be donated to the pre-school.

www.giveasyoulive.com/join/beetleypreschool

or www.easyfundraising.org.uk.

or smile.amazon.co.uk.(when using Amazon Smile please search for "Beetley and District Pre-school") We would like to say thank you to all those who have shopped through easyfundraising, we have raised £69.65 so far. So it does work!

100 club

Our 100 club starts again this year and if you would like to take part again or for the first time, please speak to a member of staff.

The winners of the September 100 club draw are:

1st Prize – No.35 – J Douglas

2nd Prize – No.2 – T McGrane

3rd Prize – No.8 – P Brown



OurSchoolsApp

The Preschool launched its own app at the end of last term which you are able to download onto your smart phone. It

will allow you 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 Pre-school" or Postcode NR20 4BW when prompted. The app is new to the preschool and we are still working out how to utilize it to its full potential. So please bear with us. We hope you will find it useful and would welcome any feedback. If you need any help please speak to Di or Emma. Thank you.

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.

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

Jumble Sale



The preschool Committee are organising a Jumble Sale to be held on Sunday 3rd November and the collection has started!

If you have any items from the list below that you would like to donate, please contact Elle on 07881 780023 to make a donation.

TOYS, CLOTHES, HOUSEHOLD ITEMS, GARDEN ITEMS, BOOKS, PUZZLES, CD/DVD/GAMES, BRIC A BRAC and ALMOST ANYTHING ELSE!

Thank you.

Fees & Payments

Please continue to put any payments to preschool 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.

For those of you who pay fees electronically, please make sure you check your invoices carefully as the preschool now has new bank details.

Stay & Play sessions

Stay and Play sessions resume on **Thursday 5th September** at the Village Hall. These sessions are open to anyone who has a child/children aged 0 - 5 years and run from 9.30am to 11am, at a cost of £2.50 per family of up to two children, any additional children at 50p.

An average of 15 families attend each week and people who attend do not have to come to the preschool, so if you have friends that might be interested let them know. Come and join us.

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. So 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.

Children's Belongings

Please could we ask that all your child's belongings are clearly named. We know that many of you do this but some labels are written on and these fade over time making them sometimes hard to read. This would help us greatly at the end of each day when we try to match items to children. We had a lot of lost property left over at the end of the year and if your child has mislaid anything there is a pink bucket in the foyer where lost property gets put, so please check regularly. Thank you for your help.

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.

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.

School Dinners

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

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 will be available in preschool.

Tapestry

Please note that to access Tapestry you will now need to use the following: www.tapestryjournal.com.

Illness

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

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. Thank you.

If your 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

Policies

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

Responsibility of staff in an emergency

Compliance statement

Equality and diversity

Data Protection

Making concerns known

Copies of these policies are available on the website or alternatively speak to Di or Emma.