

January 2020 Newsletter

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Dates to remember

Dentist Visit

Wednesday 15th January 2020

Fish & Chip Quiz

Friday 7th February 2019

Half Term

17th – 21st February 2020

Family Activity Week

2nd – 6th March 2020

Last day of Spring Term

Wednesday 1st April 2020

First Day of Summer Term

Monday 20th April 2020

HAPPY NEW YEAR

Happy New Year and welcome back to all our children and their families. Congratulations to the children who took part in our nativity at the end of last term and thank you to those parents/carers, families and friends who came to support us. All the staff would also like to say a big thank you for all the lovely cards and gifts they received. We hope you have had a good Christmas break.

What are we up to.....

This term's story is "Whatever Next" by Gill Murphy and we will be reading this over the coming weeks, exploring the story and completing activities alongside it.

Also this half term we will be visited by a dentist who will talk to the children about how to look after their teeth. If your child attends preschool on a Wednesday afternoon and is 3 years old, you should receive a letter about it with more information.

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 will be available in preschool and is also available on our website www.beetley-preschool.org/school-meals/.

New Mobile Number?

If you have received a new mobile phone for Christmas, you may have changed your number. Please can you ensure that you have informed the preschool of any changes so that we can keep our records up to date. Thank you.

Bad Weather

We have reached that time of year again where we may have to close due snow and the roads being dangerous. If this happens, we will use "Our Schools App", send out a text message to all those who are on the messaging service, put a notice on our Facebook page and on the Family Information Service page. You can also check on the Norfolk County Councils, Schools website or listen to the local radio. We will close if St Mary's School Beetley decides to close.

Story Sacks

Story sacks for children to take home are in use and we hope those families that have received them already have enjoyed the resources. Story Sacks are a great way to encourage children to take an interest in stories using props and activities linking to the story.

Keep a look out for 'Dear Zoo' & 'The Hungry Caterpillar'. Each child will get the chance to bring home one of the bags to share with their families for a short while and then return to preschool. Included in the sack is a book where you can feedback your thoughts on the Story Sacks. Have fun

Stay & Play sessions

Stay and Play sessions resume on **Thursday 9th 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.

There will be no session on **Thursday 20^h February** due to half term.

Fundraising

Online shopping

Do you like to shop online? If so you could help raise money for the preschool every time you shop. You can do so by using "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.easyfundraising.org.uk.

or smile.amazon.co.uk. (when using Amazon Smile please search for "Beetley and District Pre-school") You can now get the **Amazon Smile App** on your android phones:

1. Update the app on google play
2. Open the Amazon Shopping app
3. Tap the main menu on the app
4. Tap settings
5. Tap Amazon smile
6. Follow the instructions on the screen

Fish & Chip Quiz

We will be holding our next quiz night on Friday 7th February. Look out for the posters with more details. If you want to take part don't leave it too late to book a table as they go fast.

100 club

The winners of the January 100 club draw are:

1st Prize – No.6, S.East

2nd Prize – No.18, S. Evans

3rd Prize – No.22, H. Brown

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

Policy Updates

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

Staffing and Employment,

Safer Recruitment,

Safeguarding use of mobiles and cameras,

Babysitting and

Whistleblowing.

Copies of these policies are available either on the website or on request. Please speak to Di or Emma.

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.

Before we broke up for the Christmas holidays, we had a lot of children off with various illnesses. Some of these children have had to spend time in hospital over the holidays to fight off their illness.

PLEASE do not send your child in if they **appear 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**, this way we may be able to reduce the number of sick 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.

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.



OurSchoolsApp

Remember to check out the preschool App for 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. 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

Children & Youngs Peoples Health Services

Norfolk Health have set up a one stop website with lots of interactive tools and information. If you have questions about your child's health, behavior, etc. or want advice, take a look at:

<https://www.justonenorfolk.nhs.uk/>

Support for Children and Families in Norfolk

For families with children aged 0-5 the above organisation provides information and advice by phone or online. They also provide baby Bounce and Rhyme sessions at the library and other drop in sessions where you can go to meet others and find someone to talk to. This service can also arrange to visit you in your home or community building closer to where you live if that is more convenient.

Their telephone number is 0344 800 8020 or go to www.norfolk.gov.uk/earlychildhood

Please also see our website for information.

Parking

We have been advised by the school that some of our parents are still not following the guidance for parking when you bring and pick-up your children from Preschool.

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.

This is to ensure the safety of all children at school and preschool.

Thank you.