

April 2020 Newsletter

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children are doing during this time. You can do this by adding it as an observation on Tapestry. Also keep an eye on our Facebook page, we will share links to various other sites and ideas.

Dates to remember

First Day of Summer Term
Monday 20th April 2020

Family Activity Week
18 – 22 May 2020

Sports Day
Thursday 25th June 2020

Outing
Tuesday 30th June 2020

Last Day of Term
Friday 17th July 2020

Graduation & End of Term Party
Monday 20th July 2020

Fingers crossed we will be open again and these dates will be relevant.

Closure

It is a very strange time for all of us at the moment and confusing for all the children, trying to understand why they can't see their family and friends, go to the park or come to Preschool. The last two days at Preschool before our enforced closure was very sad as we said goodbye to children not knowing if we will see them again before their start their new adventure on to school. Fingers crossed with everyone following the guidance set out by the government we will be back in time to enjoy the summer.

Online Activities

To try and support you during this time, we will be putting ideas of things you can do with your children, on to Tapestry. If you leave a comment after the activity, other parents will be able to see it. If you would prefer it to just be seen by preschool staff, you can add it as an observation. We would also like to see photos of what you and your

Fees and Funding

If you normally pay fees, we would like to reassure you that whilst we are closed due to the Coronavirus, you will not be charged any fees. For those people who had already paid fees for first part of the spring term, any fees you have paid for hours that your child can not attend because we have been forced to close will be reimbursed to you, either on your next invoice or by cheque or cash.

We are still able to claim funding for the time we are having to close but we can only do this if we have your completed funding forms. If you have received a funding form in the post, and haven't already done so, could you please complete it and return it as soon as possible so that we can submit it to Norfolk County Council. The money we receive will enable us to have a preschool ready to open at the end of the pandemic.

What had we been up to.....

We would like to thank all those friends and families that came and joined us during our open week. You and your children were all very creative and we hope that you enjoyed the experience.

On Thursday 5th March, we celebrated world book day. It was great to see all the children and staff come in dressed as a book character.

Stay & Play sessions

Stay and Play have been suspended until further notice.

Website

The website is still up and running so why not take a look. www.beetley-preschool.org.

Facebook

Our, Facebook page is still up and running and as mentioned earlier we will add information on to it with ideas or links to other sites that you may find useful at this time. page.

Friends requests. Although the preschool is closed, staff still need to follow the Preschools

policy with regards having preschool families members as friends on their personal Facebook accounts. This means that we are unable to accept any requests from families members, we hope this doesn't cause and offence.

Fundraising

Online shopping

At this time this may be the only way you can get what you want and need.

As you shop you could help raise money for the preschool.

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

Mother's Day Afternoon Tea

Unfortunately we had to postpone the event but do plan to run it later on when we are able to socialize again.

100 club

The winners of the March 100 club draw are:

1st Prize – 38 – K Howell

2nd Prize – 1 – V McIntyre

3rd Prize – 20 – J Buckle

Committee Needs YOU!

As you are hopefully aware, as a registered charity the preschool is governed by a committee. The committee is made up of parents, family members and friends of the preschool.

At the end of September due to children moving on the school, we loose some of these members. Which means we need new people to join the committee to ensure that the preschool runs smoothly and we can continue to offer all the children the best possible experience.

To be a committee member you do not need to have any special skills. You need to be able to offer some of your time each month to attend meetings, be willing to work with others and support the preschool staff.

It is a great way to get to know other people and even make new friends.

If you think this would be something you would be interested in, contact Di using the preschool email address and she can give you more information on what is involved.

WITHOUT A COMMITTEE THE PRESCHOOL WOULD HAVE TO CLOSE.

Thank you