

March 2020 Newsletter

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Dates to remember

Family Activity Week
2nd – 6th March 2020

World Book Day
Thursday 5th March 2020

Mother's Day Afternoon Tea
Saturday 21st March 2020

Last day of Spring Term
Wednesday 1st April 2020

Family Photo Session
Thursday 2nd April

First Day of Summer Term
Monday 20th April 2020

Duck Race
Sunday 26th 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

What are we up to.....

This spring term is very busy and this half we have made pancakes already but have activity week, sports relief, mother's day and Easter to fit in. Look out for exciting times ahead!!

Fees

Please note from 1st of April, due to the increase in National Living Wage, we are having to increase our fees by 50p per hour. For children aged 2-3 club will be £4.00 per hour and for children aged 3 plus will be £3.70.

If you have any questions, please speak to Di or Emma

Family Activity Week

During the week beginning 2nd March we are holding a family activity week based around the "Whatever Next" story book. Each day we will be doing different craft activities.

Letters are going out this week inviting you to join us and telling you which activity is on each day. Could you please complete the reply slip and return it to preschool by Wednesday 26th February, so we know how many people to expect.

World Book Day Thursday 5th March

To celebrate the joy of books we are inviting children who attend on Thursdays to come in dressed as their favourite character from a book.

New Build Project

Since the last Newsletter the New Build Committee have decided that we are still going to put in an planning application for the field by the carpark in the hope that this will be successful with Norfolk County Council. We have also got a planning officer from NCC visiting the preschool on Thursday 5th March to look at our existing site to discuss options.

Bad Weather

We have reached that time of year again where we may have to close due to 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.

Stay & Play sessions

Stay and Play sessions continue on Thursday's 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.

The last session this half term will be on **Thursday 26th March**. Sessions will resume after Easter on Thursday 23rd April.

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.

Wish Tree

For those new families that have joined us and as a reminder to everyone, we do have a wish tree up on the wall in the foyer. It looks like this:



In the past parents have asked if there is anything they can buy for the preschool and therefore the Wish Tree was devised. Each apple has a small label attached detailing what we need. This is usually fruit items for snack or other resources which we use in the preschool. If you would like to donate something, please remove the label, buy the product and return the label and item to the school. Thank you to all those that have contributed in the past. It really is a big help to the preschool.

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

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. We have just received £92.00 for this quarter.

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

Thank you to all who attended the fish and chip quiz evening. We raised just over £290 which is a fantastic amount. Thank you to Pat and John Doughty for their hard work and organization again. Look out for more dates in the future.

Mother's Day Afternoon Tea

A lovely chance to spoil someone special with a relaxing afternoon tea.

For more details see the poster below.

Don't miss out there are only a few spaces left!!

100 club

The winners of the March 100 club draw are:

1st Prize – No.31 – L Campbell

2nd Prize – No.2 – T McGrane

3rd Prize – No. 24 – N Dash

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



Committee Needs YOU!

To help the fundraising events run, we need volunteers. This may include help before the events or on the day. As well as the Mother's day tea coming up we also have our annual duck race. If you have a couple of hours to spare and would like to offer your help please speak to Di and Emma who will pass on your details to the committee. 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.

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.

Coronavirus

As you are aware there is an epidemic of Coronavirus in various parts of the world. We have been advised by Public Health England that if you have been travelling abroad recently please check on their website if the country you have been to has been effected and therefore you need to quarantine yourself. You can find more information on the link below:

<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/covid-19-specified-countries-and-areas/covid-19-specified-countries-and-areas-with-implications-for-returning-travellers-or-visitors-arriving-in-the-uk>

Help

Thank you to those of you that have contributed to our Florist Role Play Area. We hope you agree it really looks good and the children seem to be enjoying the resources. Special thanks go to Daisy's Florist in Dereham, Toftwood Garden Centre, Ember Films, Wymondham and Corners Nursery, Gressenhall.

After Easter the role play area will be transformed into an Opticians. If you have any old spectacle frames we could use (without lenses please) that would be great or anything else that you think could be of use in an opticians shop.

Thank you

Important Parking

Every month we have to repeat the same information about parking.

For the safety of others it is very important that you:

- **Do not park in the horseshoe.**
- **You do not park in the school staff car park**
- **Do not park on the Zig-zag lines at the corner of the horseshoe**
- **You do not park on the rectangular areas marked out on Elmham Road.**

We appreciate that at drop off and pick up times the road is very busy and there is limited space to park, but you can use the car park along Fakenham road.

Can you also make sure that if you have family or friends picking up or dropping off you need to make sure they know where they can park.

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

Thank you.