

# September 2020 Newsletter

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things are little bit different at preschool but we have tried not to change everything.

## Family

You should all by now be aware that we have moved from Tapestry, our online learning journal tool, to Family. We are hoping that this will help us communicate with you better and vice versa, take on some of the administrative tasks that take up a lot of our time and provide a learning journal of your child that you can interact with and add to. Please use it, check in regularly and bear with us as the staff get used to a new way of connecting with you. You can also use Family to get activity ideas to do at home with your children.

## Website

The website is still up and running so why not take a look, [www.beetley-preschool.org](http://www.beetley-preschool.org). Some of the photos that parents have sent in during the lockdown have been added.

## 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

## Beetley Bears

We are hoping to get our Stay and Play sessions back up and running after the October half term. Please follow our Facebook page for up to date information.

## Holidays Abroad

Please remember that if you holiday in a foreign country and it is one which the Government requires you to self-isolate for 14 days on your return, please follow the advice and do not send you child to preschool until the quarantine period has passed. You can find the latest up to date information of the countries affected at <https://www.gov.uk/foreign-travel-advice>. Thank you.

## Committee – AGM

As you are aware the preschool is a charity organization which means we need to have a management committee. This is made up of parents and family members. The time has come to arrange our AGM and as with everything else this will be different this year, via a virtual meeting on Monday 12<sup>th</sup> October at 7.30pm. We would really love you to join us to find out what has happened over the last year and say a big thank you to those committee

## Dates to remember

**First Day of Autumn Term**  
Monday 7<sup>th</sup> September

**Last day of this half term**  
Wednesday 21<sup>st</sup> October

## 2019-2020 Term Dates

Wednesday 21<sup>st</sup> October – Last day of 1<sup>st</sup> half term  
Monday 2<sup>nd</sup> November – First day of 2<sup>nd</sup> half term  
Friday 18<sup>th</sup> December – Last day of Autumn term

Monday 4<sup>th</sup> January 2020 – First day of spring term  
Spring half term – Monday 15<sup>th</sup> – 19<sup>th</sup> February  
Friday 26<sup>th</sup> March – Last day of Spring term

Monday 12<sup>th</sup> April – First day of Summer term  
Summer half term – Monday 31<sup>st</sup> May – Friday 4<sup>th</sup> June  
Last day of summer term – Wednesday 21<sup>st</sup> July

Please note some of these days maybe subject to change as we decide if our Christmas Nativity and End of Term Graduation party's are organized.

## Welcome back

Wow what a long break it has been for some of us. We have really missed you all and are pleased to welcome back those who were with us last year and welcome all our new families.

Thank you to all those families that engaged with us during lockdown, sharing what you got up to at home. It really was lovely to see how creative and adventurous you all were. It was also lovely to meet some of our new families that are joining us during August when you came to one of our play sessions and also to catch up with current families too. We received some very positive feedback, so we are glad you found it helpful.

A big thank you for your patience over the last couple of weeks as we have been implementing our new drop-off and pick-up system and getting to grips using the new Family software. Obviously

members who have supported us over the last challenging year. During the evening we will be dissolving the existing committee and forming a new one. This is your opportunity to get involved in the running of the preschool and meeting other families involved in the preschool. Further details will follow but please add the date to your diary.

## 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](http://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](http://www.easyfundraising.org.uk).

or [smile.amazon.co.uk](http://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

### 100 club

The winners of the September 100 club draw are:

1st Prize – J Lusher

2nd Prize – L O'Brien

3rd Prize – S Evans

**This is the last draw due lack of people signed up for it. Thank you for your support.**

## 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 preschool for lost items. If you have mislaid an item please ask the staff to check the bucket. 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.

## Illness

**If you or your child has a temperature; a continuous cough; or a loss or change of sense of smell or taste it is important that you inform preschool, isolate at home, do not send your child to preschool and that you get a test straight away. You can book at test by calling 119 or visit [www.nhs.uk/coronavirus](http://www.nhs.uk/coronavirus).**

**Please also help us to reduce the spread of coughs, colds and sickness. Children are still likely to get normal colds, coughs and sickness bugs as the colder weather approaches.**

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](mailto:beetleypreschool@hotmail.com) or by using the Family app to report them absent.

## Policies

Over the past few months the committee and staff have reviewed and adopted the following policies: Equality & Diversity - Equality Compliance statement - Transitions policy - Parental Involvement - Fees and Charges - Responsibilities of staff in an emergency – Complaints - Data

protection -Training & development - Induction of new staff member - Student Placement - Child Protection COVID -19.

The majority of these policies are available to access from the website or by speaking to Di or Emma. Thank you.

## Wish Tree

For those new families that have joined us and as a reminder to everyone, we have a wish tree, that we use to put a list of everyday items that we need and then parents and family members add them to their shopping for us. As this is displayed in the foyer and you are not able to access the foyer we will be trying to add it to the Family App and hope that you will still be able to support us. Using this helps us run without having to charge a weekly fee to cover the cost of snack etc.

The sorts of things that are normally on there are:

Bread sticks

Fruit and vegetables

And now due to the currant situation we will be adding:

Hand sanitizer

Disinfectant spray and wipes.

