

October 2020 Newsletter

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Committee – AGM **IMPORTANT**

As you are aware the preschool is a charity organisation 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 12th 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 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. An event has been created on the Family app, which you can use to let us know if you will be joining us.

Family

Family seems to be working well and it is a great help for us when we login to see that some of you have reported your child not coming in due to sickness or holiday. If your child is off sick can you, on each day that they won't be in, notify us on Family so that we know who to expect. 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. 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

Beetley Bears will return on Thursday 5th November, at Beetley Village hall, 9.30 to 11am. Due to restrictions we will only be able to have 10 families each week and to maintain social bubbles families will have to book and pay for 6 sessions in

Dates to remember

AGM

Monday 12th October 2020

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Last day of this half term

Wednesday 21st October

2019-2020 Term Dates

Monday 2nd November – First day of 2nd half term

Friday 18th December – Last day of Autumn term

Monday 4th January 2020 – First day of spring term

Monday 15th – 19th February - Spring half term

Friday 26th March – Last day of Spring term

Monday 12th April – First day of Summer term

Monday 31st May – Friday 4th June - Summer half term

Wednesday 21st July - Last day of summer term

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.

What We've Been Up to

We would like to say thank you to all our families for your patience and support during our new times.

After a bit of a rocky start for some of the children, we are pleased to say that all the children are now settled and following the routine of washing their hands and coming in with the support of a preschool practitioner.

Also thank you to those of you who have kept your children at home and had the necessary tests done when your children have had signs of Covid-19, temperature etc. I am pleased to say, so far they have all come back negative.

advance. Once we have filled up the spaces we will be putting names down on a waiting list for the next sessions after Christmas. To book a space, please email beetleypreschool@hotmail.com, subject Beetley Bears. On receipt of your email, someone will contact you with details of how to pay and guidance on attending.

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.

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

Ideas

Like many others who rely on fundraising to help with running costs, we are trying to work out what events we can hold and how they can be held. If you have any ideas on the kind of events and how they can be run please let us know and we will pass it on to the committee.

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.

You can use the carpark on Fakenham Road and then walk along the road to Elmham Road. 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 coronavirus test straight away. This link may help you decide. <https://www.nhs.uk/live-well/healthy-body/is-my-child-too-ill-for-school/> You can book a test by calling 119 or visit 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 using the Family App or ringing the Preschool on 01362 860860 or by email beetleypreschool@hotmail.com.

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

Pre-packaged fruit and vegetables

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

Hand sanitizer

Disinfectant spray and wipes.

