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Newsletter

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We would also like to extend a welcome to **Mrs Claire Andrews** who is joining us on a student placement as she studies for a level 2 Early Years Practitioner qualification. She has had a long connection with the preschool as her two sons attended and she is also a member of our committee. She is working in the setting on a Wednesday and we wish her well with her studies.

Dates to remember

Last day of term

Friday 18th December

Bags2School

Thursday 28th January 2021

2020-2021 Term Dates

Friday 18th December – Last day of Autumn term

Monday 4th January 2021 – 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 End of Term Graduation party is organized.

Welcome back

Well Christmas is upon us, it seems to have arrived very quickly and hopefully if your child hasn't brought home something Christmasy to make yet they should do over the coming days. We hope you will enjoy the little activity, helping your child create something, reciting and recognizing numerals and counting down the days until Christmas.

Obviously because of current restrictions concerning gatherings we will not be able to hold our Nativity and Christmas party this year. However we do have something planned so keep your eyes peeled on your Family account in a few week's time.

At preschool we will be doing festive craft activities to get in the Christmas spirit, singing Christmas songs and you never know some elves may have visited to decorate the mobile!

Website

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

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

Unfortunately due to the second lockdown, Beetley Bears, our stay and play sessions at the village hall, did not resume. We are hoping that they will restart in January 2021 though. However, due to Covid-19 restrictions we can only have a maximum of 10 families per session and places have to be booked and paid for in advance for a 6 week block. If you are interested please email the preschool to check availability.

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.

Thank you

Thank you to everyone who has donated items from our wish tree and also items for our prize hampers. Your support is very much appreciated and goes a long way to helping support the preschool at a time when we can't do our normal fundraising activities.

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.

Please remember not to park on the zig-zag lines at the corner of the horseshoe, in the horse shoe outside the school or on the red rectangular areas marked out on Elmham Road. Please avoid mounting the pavement with part of your wheels or blocking the driveways of residents who live on the road.

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 a test by calling 119 or visit www.nhs.uk/coronavirus.

If you are not sure if you should be sending your child into preschool because of the symptoms they have, use the link below for guidance.

<https://www.norfolk.gov.uk/education-and-learning/schools/behaviour-and-attendance/attendance/school-attendance/when-to-keep-your-child-off-school>

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 or by using the Family app to report them absent.

Warm Clothes

Following government guidance, the windows are open all day at preschool to allow ventilation. Please make sure your children have layers of warm clothing to help keep them warm.

Fundraising

Christmas Quiz

The committee has organized a quiz for families or individuals to take part in. Quiz sheets can be ordered from preschool for £2.50 each and will be emailed out to you once we have received the money. Where possible we ask that payment is made by bank transfer using the following details – Account Name – **Beetley And District Pre-school**, Account Number – **03304485** Sort Code – **20-17-20** reference quiz. If you are unable to pay by bank transfer you can pay cash to a member of staff who will be organizing emailing you the quiz.

All people with the top score will be put in a draw and the first 2 drawn will win gift hampers. You can share the information with friends and family and they can order a quiz by emailing us at beetleypreschool@hotmail.com. Have fun and take part!

Thank you for supporting the preschool.

Christmas Raffle

We will also be running a Christmas Raffle to win a luxury Christmas Hamper.

For your chance to win either transfer £1 per raffle ticket to above account details and reference Christmas raffle or if unable to do this give the money to a member of staff.

Both the quiz and Hamper will be drawn on Monday 14 December.

Christmas Wreaths

Thank you to all those who either purchased a ready made Christmas Wreath or who bought a kit to make your own in our virtual event. This really has been a successful event and we thank you for all your support. Huge thanks also go to the committee for collecting moss and foliage and in particular India Bonnett and Louise Alston for making the wreaths. We were sorry not to have had our normal wreath making event but hopefully we will see you all in person next year!!

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

Bags2School

Have you been busy sorting out wardrobes and cupboards, if so we have arranged a collection for Thursday 28th January, with Bags2School. They will take donations of clothes, soft toys, bags, and shoes and the more we collect the more money we make. As soon as we receive the bags from them we will be sending them home with the children.

Policies

Over the past few months the committee and staff have reviewed and adopted the following policies:

Child Protection

Safeguarding

Looked After Children

These policies are available to access from the website or by speaking to Di or Emma. 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.

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.