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Newsletter

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enabling you to further talk to your child about "Ginger" and their adventures.

Dates to remember

Virtual Christmas Wreath Making

Friday 27th November

Last day of term

Friday 18th December

Bags2School

Thursday 29th January 2021

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

Spring half term – Monday 15th – 19th February

Friday 26th March – Last day of Spring term

Monday 12th April – First day of Summer term

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

June

Last day of summer term – Wednesday 21st July

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

Welcome back

We hope you all had a lovely half term break, staying safe and well and enjoying some of the lovely autumnal sunshine.

Thank you for continuing to work with us through these strange times, helping us follow government guidelines by requesting tests when they are required and keeping your child away from school when they are ill.

As you will have seen, your child takes part each week in "Time to Talk" a resource we are using for small group adult led activity which we hope will promote and support Communication and Language development. Letters go home each week explaining what your child has done and

Holidays Abroad

Please remember that if you have been away on 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 your 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.

Family

Thank you for continuing to engage with us using this new tool. We hope you are finding it as useful as we are. Don't forget to check the activity ideas on Family if you are looking for things to do with your child.

If you are due to pay us any fees, you will have received your next invoice via Family. Please could we ask that you pay it either electronically, by cash or cheque. If you would prefer to pay in installments please contact Di. Thank you.

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, our stay and play sessions at the village hall, resumes on Thursday 5th November from 9.30-11am. 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. We are fully booked from now up until Christmas but if you email the preschool expressing your interest we will place your name on a waiting list for the sessions in the New Year. It may be possible to offer more places

in January once we monitor and assess how well it is going.

Committee – AGM

The committee AGM took place via zoom on 12th October. Thank you to all those who attended. It was sad to say goodbye to some of our committee members Deborah Lannon, Laura Campbell and Trish Metcalf, we would like to thank them for their hard work and support over the years they have been with us.

We also were able to welcome some new faces to the group and thank them for volunteering to help run the preschool. The committee is so important and without one we would have to close. The new committee consists of India Bonnett, Claire Waring, Di Calvert, Elle Farnworth, Claire McIntyre, Claire Andrews, Rose Mfanyane, Gemma O'Brien, Lynsey Davey, Hannah Player and Louise Alston.

Parent Consultations

Normally at this time of year we would invite you in to meet with your child's key person to chat about your child's progress. However due to the current restrictions staff will complete a written report about your child covering the 7 areas of learning and then give you the opportunity of a face to face video call or telephone call if you would like to discuss it further.

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.

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](https://www.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

Christmas Wreath Making

Beetley Preschool's Wreath making event has become renowned locally and so popular in recent years that we have run it on two days. Obviously this year we are unable to hold the event in the village hall but still wanted to be able to provide the opportunity for you to make your Christmas wreath. Therefore we will be holding a virtual event on Friday 27th November, where you will be able to collect the resources beforehand and then watch video presentation on how to make your wreath. More details will follow but please make a note of the date. It should be a fun night!

Bags2School

Have you been busy sorting out wardrobes and cupboards, if so we have arranged an collection for Thursday 29th 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.

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.

Policies

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

Admissions & operation of waiting list

Promoting positive behaviour

Working in partnership with other agencies

Ethical information sharing

Confidentiality

Draft invoice

Code of contract agreement for committee members

Contract of employment

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