

# March 2021 Newsletter

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## It's time to celebrate – this year Beetley and District Preschool turned



**50**

On Monday 25<sup>th</sup> January 1971, in the school house adjoining Beetley County Primary School on Fakenham Road, thanks to Robin Kirkland, Ann Haverson (the first preschool supervisor), Jean Hinchliffe and other helpers, the first 12 children from Beetley and surrounding villages, joined a new and exciting adventure. It ran 4 mornings a week, from 9am – 12 noon.

There have been many changes to the preschool since that time and we continue to grow. During this year we want to celebrate the preschool, what it has achieved during the 50 years and what we hope to achieve in the future.

**Over the next few months, we are hoping to plan a few things to celebrate this achievement.**  
We hope you will join us in these celebrations.

### Fees

Just a reminder that there will be an increase in the fees from 1<sup>st</sup> April 2021.  
Preschool will be £4.00 per hour.  
2-3 Club will be £4.25 per hour.

For those of you that pay fees, you can sign up to the government's tax free childcare. This means that for every £1, they will pay 20p. To find out more visit [www.childcarechoices.gov.uk](http://www.childcarechoices.gov.uk).

You can also find out here if you are eligible for 2 yr old funding or 30-hour funding.

If you already have a code for 30-hour funding please make sure you go in to your account and update your details.

### Beetley Bears

We are hoping that we will be able to start the stay and play toddler sessions again on Thursday 15<sup>th</sup> April. We are waiting to hear from the village hall if they are going to reopen it for use.

As places are going to be limited, people are going to have to book for the half term and pay in advance. As soon as we have more details we will let everyone know.

## **PLEASE REMEMBER TO WEAR A FACE COVERING WHEN DROPPING OFF OR PICKING UP YOUR CHILDREN**

### **Dates to remember**

#### **Bags2School**

Tuesday 20<sup>th</sup> April 2021

#### **Last day of term**

Friday 26<sup>th</sup> March 2021

### **2019-2020 Term Dates**

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 End of Term Graduation party is organised.

### **Welcome back**

Thank you all for your understanding with regards us closing when we had snow. Not only were the roads dangerous but it would have been very cold in Preschool due to the nature of the building and also having to have windows open all the time, but hopefully you all had fun in the snow.

We are pleased to say that we are back and hopefully moving forward we will be able to remain open for the rest of the school terms.

As you have probably all heard, schools are to open fully again from 8<sup>th</sup> March. This does mean that the majority of the children will be returning to preschool and 2-3 club. If you haven't already let us know that your children will be returning, can you send Di a message on FAMILY, as we need to make sure we have enough staff to support their return.

## Website

The website is still up and running so why not take a look, [www.beetley-preschool.org](http://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.

## 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.**

## E-Safety

Do you know how safe your child is when they are accessing YouTube clips, playing games on the laptop, tablet or phone? Have you applied the necessary parental controls onto the devices accessed by your children? Many service providers offer advice of how to do this and sites like Childnet offer advice to parents about different online apps and games that your child may be accessing. The following two links provide help and advice if you should need it, about staying safe online.

[www.childnet.com](http://www.childnet.com)

[www.thinkuknow.co.uk](http://www.thinkuknow.co.uk)

## 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

### Afternoon Tea



For the last 3 years we have held an afternoon tea in the village hall to celebrate Mother's Day. We wanted to make sure we could still do something to celebrate the day, so this year we are offering you the chance to order Afternoon Tea that you can either collect from Beetley or we will deliver locally for just £12.50 per head.

Don't miss out on some really tasty cakes.

### 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", if you can't find us using our name put in Beetley as an area and we are listed) 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

This month we received £58.00 from them for shopping you have done. Thank you.

## **Bags2School**

**Tuesday 20<sup>th</sup> April**

Don't forget when you are sorting out your cupboards, we have a collection on Tuesday 20<sup>th</sup> April.

The more people collect the more money we receive.

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