

April 2021 Newsletter

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It's time to celebrate – this year Beetley and District Preschool turned 50

Thank you to all those who have contacted us with photos and memories of years gone by at Beetley Preschool. If you know of anyone who attended or whose children attended and they have some funny stories, memories or photos to share please ask them to email the preschool or message us through Facebook.

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.



We are planning a virtual Duck Race to replace our real Duck race this year. It will be held at the end of May so look out for more details to follow soon.

Fees

Just a reminder that fees have increased from 1st 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.

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

Beetley Bears is starting up again on Thursday 15th April at Beetley village hall. It will be open for 10 families and all places are now full for this first block of sessions. If you would like to attend in the future please email the preschool to express your interest. You will be required to book and pay for your place in advance at the current time, but hopefully as restrictions ease we may be able to relax these rules.

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

Dates to remember

Bags2School

Tuesday 20th April 2021

Spring Bank holiday

Preschool will be closed on
Monday 3rd May 2021

Last day of this half term

Friday 28th May 2021

2019-2020 Term Dates

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

Last day of summer term – Wednesday 21st 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

We hope that you have all had a lovely Easter Break, with all the weather possible thrown at us!!

We really hope that the summer term will run smoothly and that all the children and staff stay safe and well throughout. Staff are now routinely having Covid-19 tests twice a week but we must all continue to remain vigilant to signs and symptoms of the virus.

This term we will be following the life cycle of a caterpillar hoping to watch our own turn into butterflies. Should be fun!

As the weather hopefully improves this term please could you send your child with a sun hat on very hot days and apply sun cream if required. If you send your child with a named bottle of sun cream staff will reapply if necessary. Thank you.

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.

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 provides help and advice if you should need it, about staying safe online.

www.childnet.com

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

The afternoon tea collection/delivery was a huge success and many, many thanks go to India Bonnett for all her baking, Diane Calvert for sandwich making and members of the committee for helping to make deliveries. Thanks also to the supermarkets who donated food products to help make this possible. The Tea raised £557.10

Thank you to all who supported by purchasing a tea to eat at home. Hopefully next year we will be back in the village hall.

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", 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

Bags2School

Tuesday 20th April

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

The more people collect the more money we receive.

Policies

The following policies were reviewed, amended here necessary and adopted at the last Committee meeting:

H & S Summary

H & S Duties & Responsibilities of a committee

H & S Risk assessment

H & S Identification of an illness that requires exclusion

Safety Checklist

H & S Food

Some of these policies can be found on the website or on request from Di or Emma.

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.

Goodbye

At the end of this term, as well as saying goodbye to all those children who are due to move on to school, we will be saying goodbye to Mrs Melton. Mrs Melton who has worked at the preschool for more than 30 years has decided that the time has come for her to relax a little. We hope that this last term she spends with us will be enjoyable and I am sure you will all join us in wishing her well in her retirement.

Thank you, Kate Melton, for all the fun, hard work, time and effort you have put in over the years to give the children who have attended the preschool, the best introduction to education. You will be greatly missed by all.