

May 2021 Newsletter

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The weather has been very changeable recently, looking sunny but being cold. Please remember the mobile can still be cool with all the windows open for ventilation so ensure your child has a jumper in their bag even if they don't want to wear one. As we said last month hopefully the warmer weather will arrive when sun hats will be needed and possibly sun cream too. If you send your child with a named bottle of sun cream staff will apply/reapply as necessary. Thank you.

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

Dates to remember

Last day of this half term
Friday 28th May 2021

Virtual Duck Race
Saturday 29th May 2021

**Beetley Village Yard Sale
(Organized to support Friends of St Mary's
school)**
Sunday 30th May 2021

Father's Day afternoon Tea
Saturday 19 June 2021

Last Day of Term
Friday 16th July 2021

Graduation Celebrations
Monday 19th July 2021

First Day of Autumn term
Monday 6th September 2021

2019-2020 Term Dates

Summer half term – Monday 31st May – Friday 4th
June
Last day of summer term – Friday 16th July

Welcome back

Well 20 caterpillars have moved into preschool and are growing nicely. The children love watching how each week they are a little bigger than before. We are reading The Very Hungry Caterpillar and making butterflies which are decorating the mobile. By the time the next newsletter goes to print we should have seen the caterpillars change to butterflies and hopefully release them into the wild.

Graduation Celebrations

This year, unlike last year, we are hoping to be able to hold a small celebration for those children who are moving on to school.

This will be held on Monday 19th July in Preschool, where the children will sing a few songs and be presented with a leaving certificate.

Due to the current situation, we will only be inviting those children who are leaving to attend along with their parents.

We still need to organize times and numbers but will let those effected know very soon.

Please note Preschool and 2-3 club sessions will finish on Friday 16th July.

Beetley Bears

Beetley Bears has started up again on Thursday's at Beetley village hall.

This first block of sessions is full but if you would like to attend in the future, please email the preschool to express your interest and you will be added to the waiting list. 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. As soon as we get more information, we will share it with those people on our list.

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 year old funding or 30-hour funding or you can register for an account with Norfolk Education

(NEO) on Line at <https://fiso.norfolk.gov.uk/Synergy/>. With a NEO account you can, check eligibility for early education, apply for free school meals and submit your school admissions application. **If you already have a code for 30-hour funding please make sure you go in to your account and update your details.**

HAVE YOU GOT YOUR SUNFLOWER KIT YET

A poster for a sunflower growing kit. At the top center is a small logo for 'Beetley & District Preschool' featuring a group of children. The background is a collage of bright yellow sunflowers. The text is centered and reads: 'Sunflower growing kit', 'Support Beetley & District Preschool and grow your own sunflower!', 'Kit includes: Instructions, Seeds, Compostable Pot, Growth chart and', 'FREE entry to sunflower colouring in competition - toy bundle as top prize!', 'Each kit is £2.50 available to purchase by emailing beetleypreschool@hotmail.com'.

This would be a great way to teach your child about growing something from seed, maybe win the top prize and support the preschool.

Website

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

Parking

We still have some parents parking in the horseshoe when you bring or collect your children. This area is only a drop off area, so a driver must stay in the car to ensure it can be moved in an emergency. 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 horseshoe 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. If there is no parking on the road, you could always use the car park on Fakenham road and then walk to preschool.

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

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.

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". 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

Thank you.

Bags2school

Our Bags2School collection raised £75.00. Thank you to all those who donated.

Sunflower Kits

It's not too late to pick up a sunflower kit from preschool. See above for more details.

Virtual Duck Race

Again, due to covid restrictions we are unable to run our annual duck race, so this year we are organizing a virtual one to take place on Saturday 29th May. More information will be put on FAMLY soon.

Beetley Yard Sale

We are planning to have a soft toy tombola stall at the yard sale outside the school entrance on the morning of Sunday 30th May. Come and see us and win a toy.

Father's Day afternoon tea

After the great response we had for our Mother's Day tea, we have decided to run something similar for Father's Day. Collection of the tea will be from Beetley Village hall from 11am. Hopefully the weather will be kind and those that want to, could have a picnic on the field.

More details on the tea and collections will be out soon.

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.

Policies

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

Registration form

H & S - All weather protection policy

SEND

Use of volunteers

Role of a Key person

H & S – Outings

Equipment & Resources

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