

# June 2021 Newsletter

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If you bought one of our sunflower kits we would love to see how they are growing. Perhaps you could share some pictures with us on Family.

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

### **Dates to remember**

**Last Day of Term**  
Friday 16<sup>th</sup> July 2021

**Graduation Celebrations**  
Monday 19<sup>th</sup> July 2021

**First Day of Autumn term**  
Monday 6<sup>th</sup> September 2021

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

Last day of summer term – Friday 16th July

### **Welcome back**

We successfully witnessed 15 of our caterpillars transform into butterflies. Unfortunately most of them did this during the half term break but we hope you have been able to see pictures on Facebook and Family. The children have enjoyed watching them grow and change over the past 7 weeks and have made their own butterflies which are decorating the mobile ceiling.

This term we are going to be making trips over to the far field in the mornings to take advantage of more space and take part in sporty activities and use the parachute. We will all go one morning each week but each week will be a different day. So week 1 on Monday and week 2 on Tuesday and so on. We think the children will enjoy the extra space and it will be great to get the parachute out again.

As we write the weather is hot and sunny and hopefully this will last beyond half term. With this in mind please remember to dress your child according to the weather including sun hats and sun cream. If you send your child with a named bottle of sun cream staff will apply/reapply as necessary. Thank you.

### **Graduation Celebrations**

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

This will be held on Monday 19<sup>th</sup> July at the playing field by Beetley village hall, where the children will sing a few songs and be presented with a leaving certificate. It would then be nice if they stayed for a picnic with their friends.

Due to the current situation, we will only be inviting those children who are leaving, 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 16<sup>th</sup> July.**

### **Changes**

In January 1998, I joined the preschool as a relief worker. Since then, I have undertaken various qualifications to support my work with the children, finally achieving a level 5 in Early Years management.

In 2007 I took on the role as the manager. I have always found working with the children a rewarding experience, watching them grow and develop meeting their potentials.

Due to family commitments, I have had to reduce the hours I am available to do preschool work (some of which I do on my days off), that is why I have made the very hard decision to give notice to leave the preschool in July 2022 at the latest.

I have lots of fantastic memories and met and worked with really great people.

My one main regret is that as of yet, due to a very few peoples objections, we have not been able to get a new larger building for the children. We have not given up and are still looking for an alternative site for the new building.

I hope you and your children have enjoyed their time at the preschool.

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to talk to me.

Best wishes  
Di

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

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

## Beetley Bears

Beetley Bears has resumed on Thursday's at Beetley village hall. The second block up until the end of this term is now fully booked but 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 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 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.**

## Website

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

## **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](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 quarter we have raised £16.18

Thank you.

## **Beetley Yard Sale**

The yard sale saw us running a Teddy Tombola, where we raised £44. Thanks for visiting our stall and your support.

## **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 where necessary and adopted at the last Committee meeting:

Transitions

Fees and charges

Student Placement

Induction Checklist

Induction of New Staff members

Training & Development

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