

September 2021 Newsletter

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going to progress cautiously and keep in place many of the Covid safety measures we had last year. We would still like your child to wash their hands on arrival and we will continue to just allow parents and carers into our outside area only. If your child does need you to stay for a short time we will be happy for you do so outside, just speak to a member of staff for support.

This term we will concentrate on settling your child in, ensuring they are happy, get used to new routines and feel safe meaning they will be more ready to learn and develop as the year progresses.

New children will have received an All About Me form to complete and return, giving us more of an insight into what your child can do and what they like to do. We will also be sending a similar sheet to current children called "The many pieces of me", where we ask you again for information about what your child is into, any new skill they have learned and any areas you think they may need support. We know you know your child best and this is a way of ensuring we are working together to support your child's learning journey.

Family

We have been using Family, our online learning journey software for a year now. We know staff and parents have found it a great way to keep in contact with each other, sharing information and keep you informed. The EYFS has been updated and staff will now be working with the revised framework. Changes have been made to try to remove a lot of paperwork for staff and make more time to play and support your child. With this in mind observations will continue to be made on your child. These observations will be uploaded to Family, weekly, just highlighting the area of learning it best reflects like Physical development or Literacy. At the end of each half term your child's key person will review information about your child's learning and assess their development to see if they are on track or need any additional support to assist them.

Beetley Bears

Beetley Bears sessions will resume on Thursday 9th September from 9.30 – 11.00am. If you are interested in attending please email the preschool for the latest information and to express your interest.

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

Dates to remember

First Day of Autumn term
Monday 6th September 2021

Autumn Half term holiday
Friday 22nd October – Friday 29th October

2021-2022 Term Dates

Last day before Autumn half term – Thursday 21st
October

Last day of Autumn term – Friday 17th December

Spring term

Wednesday 5th January – Friday 11th February 2022

Half term holiday – 14th – 18th February 2022

Monday 21st February – Friday 1st April

Easter Holidays – 4th – 19th April

Summer Term

Wednesday 20th April – Friday 27th May 2022

Half term holiday – 30th May – 3rd June

Monday 6th June – Friday 22nd July

Please note these dates may be subject to change as we decide if Christmas festivities and graduation parties will be held.

Welcome back

Welcome back to children and families who were with us in July and a very warm welcome to all our new families. This is our monthly newsletter where we try to keep you up to date with what's happening in preschool. Please take the time to read it and make a note of important dates.

We hope you have all stayed safe and well over the summer break, were able to enjoy some sunshine and relax with friends and family. Although many restrictions have eased, within preschool we are

Committee – AGM

As you are aware the preschool is a charity organization which means we need to have a management committee. This is made up of parents and family members. We would really love you to join us to find out what has happened over the last year and say a big thank you to those committee members who have supported us over the last challenging year. During the evening we will be dissolving the existing committee and forming a new one. This is your opportunity to get involved in the running of the preschool and meeting other families involved in the preschool. Further details will follow but please add the date to your diary.

Fees

Fees are as followed for non-funded children:
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.**

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.

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.

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.

Gressenhall fete

We had a stall at the Fete during August and were able to raise £105! Thank you to all of you who came down to support us or help us on the day.

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.

Preschool Uniform

Polo shirts and sweatshirts are available from preschool if you would like them for your child.

Polo shirts in sizes 2-3, 3-4 and 5-6 years are £8 and the sweatshirts are £9. We do have a small quantity of older shirts with old logo at a discounted price. Please speak to a member of staff if you are interested or send us a message via Family or email.