

October 2021 Newsletter

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happy so it's very important that this first half term is devoted to this aim.

We have been making the most of the good weather to be outside and we will continue to be outside so please ensure your child comes dressed appropriately with coats, hats and wellies if it's really wet.

Thank you to all of you who have returned your "All About Me" forms or the follow up one "The many pieces of me". These really help us get a better picture of your child and so help us support them in the best way possible. If you haven't returned them yet please can you do so as soon as possible. Thank you.

Dates to remember

Preschool Committee AGM
Thursday 7th October 2021

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

Second half Autumn Term starts
Monday 1st November 2021

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.

As the Primary school no longer requires parents and carers to wear face coverings when dropping off or picking up their children, we will leave it to individual's choice as to whether you wish to continue to do so when dropping off and collecting your child from preschool.

What we are doing....

It has been lovely to see the children settle back into preschool and welcome all the new children and their families, the last four weeks has really flown by. We are concentrating this term on helping children settle and be happy being in preschool. We know that children learn more when they are

Family

Hopefully you are all engaging with the Family App. We would really like it if you could add observations of your children. This is a good way to show us what your child is interested in at home and a great way to share information and work more closely with you to support your child. The App has lots of help functions which you can find by clicking the question mark icon in the top right hand corner of the screen.

If you are not sure how to add an observation here is a quick summary of how to do it:

- Go to your child's profile and click on 'Journey' tab
- Click 'New Observation' (found in the top right)
- A text box will appear
- Use the 'Upload' button to add photos and videos, or simply describe what your child is doing. If you get interrupted while you're creating the observation, a draft will save, which you can find again by clicking the (left) icon top right-hand corner.
- When you've finished, click 'Send for review' to share it with your child's setting.

We look forward to seeing what you get up to outside the setting!

Beetley Bears

Beetley Bears sessions will continue on Thursday's until 21st October, which will be the last one before half term. The sessions run from 9.30 – 11.00am. If you are interested in attending please email the preschool for the latest information and to express your interest.

Committee – AGM

YOUR PRESCHOOL NEEDS YOU!

Hopefully by now you should have all received details of the AGM which is to be held on Thursday 7th October at 7.30pm at the preschool. It is really important that we have a committee, because without one we cannot continue to run. 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.

Website

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

Parking

When bringing your children to preschool please make sure you do not park responsibly to ensure the safety of everyone using the school.

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

With everyone returning to school and preschool, colds and coughs are spreading, and we have had a lot of children attending with bad coughs and colds. If your child appears unwell before they come to preschool; you have given them Calpol or any other form of medication; 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.

If 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>

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.

MY SCHOOL FUND

Yours child will be coming home with a leaflet headed My School Fund. If you shop at Sainsbury or Argos and have registered with My School Fund, selecting the preschool as your nominated school, we could earn 1% of what you spend, to spend on things for the preschool and you can also earn cash back. If you haven’t already registered, you can still do so by visiting myschoolfund.org.

Christmas Wreath Making

By popular demand we will be holding Christmas Wreath making sessions again as well as selling DIY kits.

Look out for more details to follow in the next few weeks.

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.

Library Books

This week some of the children were able to visit the library van and choose books for all the children to borrow from preschool on a regular basis. From now on, you will find that your child will come home with a library book, complete with their own library card. We encourage you to look at this book with your child and when you would like to change it, return it to preschool with the card and your child will get the opportunity to choose it for another book. Sharing is a great activity to do with your child to develop their attention and listening, understanding and speaking skills. It's a perfect way to end the day as a calming activity before bedtime too.

New Build

We still haven't given up on our dream and the need for a new building and more space is even more prevalent than ever. Unfortunately, because of the cost involved to challenge the covenants on the land we want to use, we are now looking for other options in Beetley. If anyone is aware of a suitable location and has a contact, please could you speak to Di, Emma or Abby. Thank you.

Policies

The following policies were reviewed and adopted at the last committee meeting:

Staff Support and Supervision

Standards of Behaviour

Professional Conduct Agreement

Grievance Procedure

Disciplinary procedure

Staff Declaration

If you would like to see copies of these policies please speak to Di or Emma.