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Newsletter

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Each week we will make the trip on a different day so the second week it will be the Tuesday and so on. The dates will be:

Tuesday 16th November,
Wednesday 24th November.
Thursday 2nd December and
Friday 10th December.

If your child attends on these days please can you send them dressed appropriately for the weather as we aim to spend the morning outside.

Committee – AGM

We held our AGM on the 7th October and we would like to thank all of those parents and carers who were able to attend and a big warm welcome to those who volunteered to join the committee. We would like to extend our thanks to those who stepped down for all their help and support over the past challenging years. Our committee is now made up of the following India Bonnett, Claire Waring, Di Calvert, Abby Jenkins, Gemma O'Brien, Claire Andrews, Natalie Arnold, Will Wilson, Charlie Wood, Zoe Smith and Lisa French.

Beetley Bears

Beetley Bears sessions will resume on Thursday 4th November with the last session of this block on Thursday 16th December. 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.

Christmas Party and Nativity

We are planning to hold our Christmas Nativity and Party for the children on the morning of Friday 17th December. This does mean that there will be **no preschool or 2-3 club sessions on this day**. For those of you who are not familiar with our Christmas celebrations we plan for the children to perform their nativity to you at Old Beetley Church at 10am, followed by party food and a special visit from an important person dressed in red, at the village hall!!! Children must be accompanied by a parent or carer and younger siblings are also welcome to attend. There will be more details nearer the time but please make a note in your diaries.

Illness

Please continue to be vigilant to avoid colds and coughs spreading. If your child appears unwell before they come to preschool; you have given

Dates to remember

Fakenham Christmas Tree Festival
Thursday 25th Nov – 2nd Dec 2021

Wreath Making
Friday 3rd December 2021

Christmas Nativity and Party
Friday 17th December 2021
No preschool or 2-3 club sessions this day

2021-2022 Term Dates

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 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....

We hope you have all had a lovely half term holiday. As we write, the sun is shining and the leaves on the trees look amazing. This links nicely into what we are doing this half term in preschool. Starting on Monday 8th November we will be taking the preschool children for a walk in the woods at the back of the primary school. The children will be given different activities to do whilst there but it's a great way to get children to engage with nature and explore the world beyond our preschool gates.

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>

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!

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.

Christmas Wreath Making

Beetley & District Preschool
presents

Wreath Making

Friday 3rd December

£20 includes all materials
plus mince pie and hot drink
start times are 10.30am, 1pm and 7pm
at Beetley Village Hall NR204BY

Or Preorder a complete wreath £25 or a DIY kit £15 collection only

To book your space contact preschool on
beetleypreschool@hotmail.com or message directly through
facebook

Made with PosterMyWall.com

The **7pm** wreath making session is now full but there is still availability at 10.30am and 1pm or you can preorder a complete wreath or DIY kit to be collected. See above for details.

Tesco Blue Counters

Don't forget that each time you shop at Tesco Dereham, in store, to collect your blue token and drop it in the Preschool slot. Any monies raised will go towards enhancing our outside area.

My School Fund

Last half term children were sent home with leaflets about My School Fund. So far we have only had three people register. 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. The more people that register the more benefits there will be for the preschool. If you have lost the leaflet and would like another, one please speak to a member of staff.

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.

Website

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

Policies

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

- Promoting positive behaviour
- Working in partnership with other agencies
- Ethical information sharing
- Confidentiality
- Draft invoice
- Code of conduct agreement for committee members
- Contract of employment

Most of these policies are available to view on our website or please speak to Di or Emma.

Sign-a-long

In preschool we use Sign-a-long sign language to support the children's communication skills. Starting in November we will be adding a sign, with

a video on how to do it, to Family each week. This is so that if your child does the sign to you at home you will understand what they may be telling you and also for you to use to support your child if you wish.

Christmas Tree Festival

The preschool committee have arranged for us to take part in the Christmas Tree festival which takes place in one of the Fakenham churches each year. The event runs from Thursday 25th November until Thursday 2nd December, between 10am and 8pm each day. Trees are donated to each charity that takes part, they then decorate them and the public visits during the 8 days making donations if they wish to the various charities. In preschool we will be getting the children involved in making decorations and members of the committee and staff will take turns to attend. If you have time during that week and want to get in the Christmas mood, please make a trip over to Fakenham to support the event and the preschool. Thank you.

Pumpkins

Thank you to Morrisons of Dereham and parents for all the pumpkins you have donated over the past few weeks. The children have enjoyed painting them, using pieces in the mud kitchen and scooping out the seeds.

Wish Tree

As many of you know in the past we have had a wish tree up in our foyer where we occasionally ask for donations of fruit and other snack items or last year cleaning items like antibacterial spray. As parents and carers no longer come into the mobile we did post the wish tree on to Family last year. It is our intention to do the same this year so look out for any future posts and any donations will be very gratefully received. Thank you.

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.