



## Dates to Remember

### **Half Term**

13<sup>th</sup> - 17<sup>th</sup> February 2023

**Second Half Term begins**  
Monday 20<sup>th</sup> February 2023

**Bags2school collection**  
Thursday 2<sup>nd</sup> March

**Family Activity Afternoon**  
Thursday 30<sup>th</sup> March 2023  
More details to follow

**Last day Spring Term**  
Friday 31<sup>st</sup> March 2023

**Provisional dates for your diaries, to be confirmed**

**Spring Afternoon Tea**  
Saturday 18<sup>th</sup> March 2023

**Duck Race**  
Sunday 30<sup>th</sup> April 2023

You can also find a link here for the term date calendar for the whole year [2022-2023 Academic year consultation](https://www.beetley-preschool.org/2022-2023-Academic-year-consultation) ([beetley-preschool.org](https://www.beetley-preschool.org))

## What we are up to ....

Welcome back, we hope you all had a lovely Christmas and New Year break and you and your families stayed safe and well. Thank you so much on behalf of all the staff for all our lovely gifts, cards and goodies that will keep us going through the coming months. It was very kind and very much appreciated!

There has been and continues to be a lot of very bad colds and coughs around and we appreciate that these can linger and children can't stay at home all the time. However we continue to ask you to be considerate of other families and if your child is unwell with a high temperature, sickness, severe cold, cough, covid-19 or another illness for which they are generally not themselves, please keep them at home until they are better. Thank you.

## Nativity & Christmas Party

Our end of term party and nativity was lovely and all

the children did really well. We thought it was one of the best set of singers we have ever had! So well done all 😊

## Fish & Chip Quiz

The quiz was a great success, thank you to all those teams who took part. We raised over £300. Hopefully we will be able to have some more in the future.

## Gressenhall Christmas Tree

The children enjoyed decorating angels for the lighting of Gressenhall village Christmas Tree. The Gressenhall committee chose their favourite three and the winners were Ottilie Wilson, Raven Bradley and Buddy Oakley. Well done you three and all the children took part!!

## White Company Hamper

We would like to take this opportunity again to thank TRS and Simon French for organizing and donating a beautiful hamper to raffle off for preschool funds. We raised an amazing £120

from your generous support, so thank you.

### Christmas Wreath Making

The wreath making event was well attended again this year with some really beautiful wreaths being made. Thank you for your continued support at one of our biggest fundraisers in the year. We raised over £1600 !!

Thank you to the committee, staff and parent helpers who supported on the two days and to India Bonnett, for her direction, Zoe Lawrence and Morrisons for the Mince Pies and Louise Alston for her expertise on the night. We couldn't do it without you!

### Christmas Tree Festival - Fakenham

We hope many of you were able to attend the Fakenham Christmas Tree festival as the children had worked really hard on all their decorations. We raised £144.

Thank you again for all your support.

### Beetley Bears

Our Stay and Play sessions continue at the village hall on Thursday's from 9.30-11am. You can book to attend a block of sessions in advance, for £2.50 per family, by emailing the preschool or turn up on the day for £3 per family. This is a good way to meet and

socialise with other families for both children and parents/carers.

### Buds & Blooms

Our Baby sensory sessions are going from strength to strength. Run by Zoe Smith, a member of our committee, children aged 0-12 months can enjoy singing, signing and baby massage routines, all good ways to support a baby's early language development. These are also held at the village hall on Thursdays from 9.30-10.30am and cost £4 per session. Please email the preschool if you are interested and to check availability of spaces and please feel free to share these details with friends and family who may have little ones. Thank you.

### Policies

The following policies were reviewed and adopted by the committee last term:

Promoting positive behaviour,  
Ethical Information sharing,  
Confidentiality,  
Working in partnership with parents,  
Code of conduct agreement (committee),  
Staffing and Employment,  
Safeguarding,  
Safer Recruitment,  
Babysitting,  
Whistle Blowing.  
Retention of Records.  
Copies are available on our website or speak to Abby or Emma.

Things to remember...

Please do not park your car in the horse-shoe area outside of the school gates. We appreciate that parking outside school can be a challenge but this area needs to be kept clear for emergency vehicles.

### Bags2School collection

We have a collection booked for Thursday 2<sup>nd</sup> March. So if you have any unwanted clothes, paired shoes, bags etc in good condition please put aside and bring into preschool during that week. The preschool will receive a amount per kilo collected so the more you bring in the more money we could generate 😊.

As you shop you could also 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](http://www.easyfundraising.org.uk)

or

[www.smile.amazon.co.uk](http://www.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)

Thank you.