



## Dates to Remember

**2<sup>nd</sup> hand uniform sale**  
Week of 24<sup>th</sup> April

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

**Bank Holidays**  
**Preschool will be closed**  
Monday 1<sup>st</sup> May  
Monday 8<sup>th</sup> May

**Family Activity morning**  
Friday 19<sup>th</sup> May

**Half term holiday**  
Monday 29<sup>th</sup> May -  
Friday 2<sup>nd</sup> June

**2<sup>nd</sup> half of summer term**  
Monday 5<sup>th</sup> June

**Provisional dates to note**  
**Sports Day**  
Wednesday 28<sup>th</sup> June

**Preschool outing**  
Tuesday 4<sup>th</sup> July

**Last day of preschool sessions**  
Wednesday 19<sup>th</sup> July

**Graduation Party**  
Thursday 20<sup>th</sup> July

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

## What we are up to ...

Welcome back to the summer term! We hope you all had a lovely Easter break!

**There's lots of information in here so please read and make notes in your diaries.**

This half term is all about new life, growth and healthy eating. The children will have some visitors to the mobile in the form of caterpillars and frog spawn. We will all be able to watch the transformation to butterfly and tadpole possibly froglet!!

They will get the chance to do some planting, sowing seeds for vegetables which will also support our theme of healthy eating. To help children understand the importance of healthy eating, let them help you pack their lunch boxes. Remember to include some fruit and veg cut up, a small

sandwich, wrap or similar item and only one treat item.

As you may know the children all have name cards, their name with a picture of an item beginning with their name, so George might have a giraffe. This has been to help them begin to recognize their name in print. This term all children going to school will have their name card changed to show their first and surname only, no picture. This is just the next step in supporting their transition to school and helping them recognize their name.

## The Big Clean Up

A massive thank you to Will Wilson, Dani & Tom Edwards, Ameer Gollop, Pete and Lisa Jewell, Laura Cross and Ross Houston who gave up their time on Saturday 15<sup>th</sup> April to give the preschool's outside area a well overdue clean up!! They trimmed hedges, painted, pressure washed, fixed and mended. The area looks great. Pete has very kindly offered to rebuild our mud kitchen as this was sadly beyond repair and is also making us some

planters. Thank you so much everyone!

### Family Activity morning

Our next Family Activity time is organised for the morning of Friday 19<sup>th</sup> May which will have a Healthy Eating Theme. More details will follow via a separate letter.

Thank you to everyone who came to our Easter themed afternoon. Despite the weather 🤔☁️ I think everyone enjoyed themselves and thanks again to Sarah Taylor who brought in a couple of lambs. They were adorable 😊.

### The committee needs you!

Preschool is run by a committee of volunteers who meet once a month to discuss and make decisions about the running of the preschool and plan and organize fundraising events which provide vital funds. We need more of you to help us, so if you would like to know more please come along to a committee meeting or speak to a member of staff for more information. The next meeting is on Thursday 20<sup>th</sup> April at 7.30pm in the preschool mobile. If there is no committee, there will be no preschool. Please come and find out what we are about, it's a great way to meet new people too!

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### Fee Increase

A reminder that fees have now increased as follows: 2-3 club will now cost £4.85 per hour and preschool's hourly rate will increase to £4.60 per hour.

### Parent consultations

This term you will be invited in to speak to your child's key person to discuss their progress. For those children leaving us in July to attend school we will be asking you to discuss anything you would like included on their transition report to school. Look out for a message from your child's key person.

### Beetley Bears

Our Stay and Play sessions continue at the village hall on Thursday's from 9.30-11am and recommence on Thursday 20<sup>th</sup> April. There will be no session on Thursday 4<sup>th</sup> May due to the hall being used for voting. 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. There will also not be a session on Thursday 4<sup>th</sup> May due to voting. 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.

### Wish Tree

Thank you to all those who have donated to our wish tree requests. It really helps when you provide items for snack and craft activities. Please keep a look out for the Wish Tree post each month and help if you can. Thank you 😊

### Spring Afternoon Tea

Sadly this event was cancelled due to lack of numbers. However Zoe Smith and Charlie Woods made up take away cream tea boxes with the scones, jam and cream we had donated. They made £123, which is fantastic. Thank you to all who bought a box.

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## Duck Race



# Duck Race

**SUNDAY 30th APRIL 2023**

*On the river at Beetley River Meadow*

**Fun from 12pm with Duck Race at 12.30pm**

**BBQ, Refreshments, Raffle & More!**

Ducks available from Beetley Preschool, Committee

Members or email

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Put the date in your diary!! This is one of our biggest fundraisers of the year and is a great fun afternoon. Please sell as many ducks as you can and invite friends and family down to Beetley Meadows on Sunday 30<sup>th</sup> April to witness the race as it happens. You never know your duck may win!! Welly Wanging will also be available, hook a duck, raffle, a BBQ and refreshments. If anyone is able to donate cakes for the day for our refreshment stand, they would be very much appreciated and if you want to get involved, now's your chance! Please speak to a member of staff or committee.

## Policies

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

Health & Safety Policy, H & S First Aid and Hygiene, H & S Procedures Safety, H & S Pandemic policy, Fees and Charges and Child Protection -Covid -19 addendum.

Copies are available on our website or speak to Abby or Emma.

## Bags2School collection



Thank you to all the bags of unwanted clothes etc that you donated. We raised £85. Another collection has been arranged for Thursday 15<sup>th</sup> June, so if you are having another clear out, please bag up your items and bring into preschool. Click below for a reminder of what they will take. [www.bag2school.ie/what-we-collect](http://www.bag2school.ie/what-we-collect) Thank you.

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). Thank you

"My School Fund", in association with Sainsbury's, Argos and Espo, links your spend at these shops with your chosen

school, meaning that every time you make a purchase you both benefit. Both the school and you will receive an eGift card to spend at participating retailers based on a percentage of your overall spend. Visit [www.myschoolfund.org](http://www.myschoolfund.org) for more details and to sign up for free.

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.

If your child is unwell please keep them at home and let the preschool know. If your child has sickness or diarrhea they should not return to preschool until 48 hours after the last time they were sick; if your child has been given calpol on a morning they would normally attend preschool, they should remain at home and if your child has a continuous new cough, high temperature and/or cold symptoms they should also remain at home. This will help protect us all. Thank you.

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