



What we are up to

We hope you all had a lovely half term break, maybe you were able to take part in our Halloween Pumpkin Trail 🎃! If you did we hope you had fun.

Last term we were busy in preschool looking at pirates, autumn and harvest and taking part in some fun Halloween activities.

This half term begins with Halloween, bonfire night and remembrance; nursery rhyme week follows and then we will be in full Christmas mode. It's a very busy term but lots of fun too!!

The Preschool committee AGM

The AGM was held on Thursday 5th October and the old committee was dissolved. We would like to thank Gemma O'Brien (secretary), who stepped down, for her work in role over the past year and the support her and her family have made to the preschool over the past many years. Will Wilson also stepped

down as chair but will remain on the committee. Thanks go to him to.

A new committee was formed and we welcome Amy Pulfer to the team. The rest of the committee are as follows:

Our current committee member are:

- Laura Cross (Chairperson)
- Diane Calvert (Treasurer)
- Will Wilson (Secretary)
- Abigail Jenkins (Preschool Manager)
- Charlie Wood
- Zoe Smith
- Danielle Edwards
- Zoe Lawrence
- Amy Pulfer

Family Activity morning

The next Activity morning will be on Monday 4th December. This is an opportunity for you to attend with our child for an hour or so of activities and a story on a theme. More details will follow nearer the time.

Dates to Remember

Bags2School collection
Monday 13th November

Family Activity morning
Monday 4th December

Fakenham Christmas Tree Festival
30th Nov - 7th Dec

Christmas Wreath Making
Saturday 2nd December

Nativity and Preschool Christmas party
Friday 15th December

Last day of term
Wednesday 20th December

Christmas holiday
Thursday 21st Dec -
Wednesday 3rd Jan

First day of Spring term
Thursday 4th January 2024

You can also find a link here for the term date calendar for the whole of next year [Term dates and school holidays 2023-2024 - Norfolk County Council](#)

Nativity & Christmas Party

We hope you have seen and made a note of the date change for our Nativity and party. This will now take place on Friday 15th December and there will be no normal preschool sessions that day. Children will need to be accompanied by a parents or carer and festivities will begin at the church in old Beetley at 11am followed by a party at the village hall. We really hope that you will all be able to attend and see your little ones perform in our preschool nativity.

Normal preschool sessions will resume on Monday 18th, Tuesday 19th and Wednesday 20th December when we will then close for the Christmas break.

Funding

Preschool funding is currently available for 3 and 4 year olds. This consists of 15 hours universal entitlement for all children which becomes available the term after their 3rd birthday. In addition, for working parents this can be extended to 30 hours per week. Currently 2 year old funding is available only to those parents claiming benefits. However this is set to change in April next year. To keep up to date with what you are entitled to go to the childcare choices website at

www.childcarechoices.gov.uk

Did you know that we may be entitled to £300 additional funding to improve the education of your 3 or 4 year old? This is called Early Years Pupil Premium, EYPP and to find out if you qualify call the Family Information Service on 0344 800 8020 or go to www.norfolk.gov.uk/eypp

Wreath Making

This is a really fun event to get you in the mood for Christmas! Tell all your friends and perhaps bring a group of you for a fun afternoon or evening. Slots do go quickly so book now to avoid disappointment.



Wish Tree

Once a month we will post our "Wish Tree". This is our way of asking for small donations of items for

snack, like apples or bread sticks, daily cleaning products like anti-bacterial spray or resources we can use for messy play like shaving foam or cornflour. If you are able to help by donating one of the items listed it helps to keep some of our costs down. Look out for the post and thank you in advance for your support.

Beetley Bears

Our Stay and Play sessions continue at the village hall on Thursday's from 9.30-11am. The price is £3 per family (up to 2 adults and 2 children) with an additional 50p per additional child. This is a good way to meet and socialise with other families for both children and parents/carers. Last session this term will be Thursday 14th December.

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 recently reviewed and adopted by the committee:

Promoting Positive behaviour;
Workking in Partnership with other agencies;
Ethical Information Sharing;
Confidentiality;
Code of conduct for committee members;
And the Draft Invoice.

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

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Bags2School collection



A collection has been arranged for Monday 13th November, so if you are having a clear out, please bag up your items and bring into preschool by 9am on the day. Click below for a reminder of what they will take.

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”.

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