

Spring | Issue 2  
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## Welcome back to the term!

**What have  
we been up  
to...**

We started off the term with the topic 'Healthy Me' where the children learnt how to care for their teeth, engaged in various physical activities learning about the benefits, they practiced personal hygiene routines and learnt about healthy foods, making fruit kebabs and quiche.



Our second topic of the half term was 'Story telling' we focused on the stories Goldilocks and the Three bears and The Three Little Pigs. The children brought in a teddy from home which they enjoyed sharing at our Teddy bears picnic with the group. We retold the stories repeatedly through roleplay and small world learning the sequence and repeated refrains. We used various construction to build homes for the pigs and enjoyed trying some porridge for snack.



We celebrated 'Chinese New Year' next. The children worked together as a group to junk model a Chinese dragon, we had lots of fun making our own dragon dances. For snack time we tried vegetable spring rolls, noodles in black bean sauce and prawn crackers. Our focus story was 'The Great race' which we acted out both with small world and role playing, discussing feelings and number sequencing.



We finished the half term celebrating ‘Shrove Tuesday’ and ‘Valentine’s day’. The children had the chance to make and try pancakes with a choice of toppings. We focused on the story ‘The Big Pancake’ trying hard to remember the sequence of people/animals and joining in with the repeated refrains. We made cards which we posted to the ones we love.



Our next planned topics and celebrations are ‘Life cycles’, Mother’s day’, ‘World book day’, ‘Science week’ and ‘Easter’ to finish off the term.

We are excited to share we have eggs at preschool and are hoping to watch them hatch into fluffy chicks! A massive Thank you to Dani Edwards for sorting this out for us.

## Staff Changes

At the end of this term, we say goodbye to Mrs. Sarah Knights.

Interviews were carried out over half term and candidates came into preschool to carry out an activity with the children on the week commencing 26<sup>th</sup> February. We have provisionally chosen two new members of staff subject to DBS checks and references. Hopefully we will be able to introduce them to you soon.

## Fundraising

Welly Waddle – On Friday 1<sup>st</sup> March we held our first sponsored event of the term. The children braved the rain and headed over to the school field to complete the course. In the pouring rain we jumped like a Kangaroo, stomped like a dinosaur, flapped our arms to fly like a bird, waddled like a duck and a penguin and crept like a mouse. Thank you to the committee for arranging and managing the event. Please send in any remaining sponsor money by Friday 8<sup>th</sup> March.

A **Bag2School** collection has been arranged for 25<sup>th</sup> April, 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](http://www.bag2school.ie/what-we-collect) Thank you.



As you shop “[easyfundraising.co.uk](http://easyfundraising.co.uk)” is another way you could also help raise money for the preschool. You can do so by following the link 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)

“**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.

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 corn-flour. 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.

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

### Things to remember...

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 it occurred; if your child has been given Paracetamol 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.

### Funding

Preschool funding is currently available for 3 and 4 year old's. This consists of 15 hours universal entitlement for all children which becomes available the term after their 3<sup>rd</sup> 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. To keep up to date with what you are entitled to go to the childcare choices website at [www.childcarechoices.gov.uk](http://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](http://www.norfolk.gov.uk/eypp)

### The Preschool Committee

We are a committee run preschool and without our committee the preschool would have to close. We meet once a month, usually at the beginning of the month on a Thursday from 7.30pm until 8.30/9pm. During these meetings we discuss the past month at preschool, the preschool finances, we plan fundraising events to support the preschool and discuss and make decisions, with regard to the running of the preschool. It's a great opportunity for you to get involved and have your say in supporting the preschool and providing the best experiences for your child and the other children. If you would like to be involved, please message or speak to a member of staff/committee.

Our current committee members are:

Laura Cross (Chairperson)

Will Wilson (Secretary)

Diane Calvert (Treasurer)

Abigail Jenkins (Preschool Manager)

Charlie Wood

Zoe Smith

Danielle Edwards

Zoe Lawrence

Becca Reynolds

Amy Pulfer

## Policies

The following Health and Safety policies were recently reviewed and adopted by the committee: Duties and Responsibilities, First aid and hygiene, The identification of illness which justify exclusion, pandemic policy, All weather protection, Outings, Food and Safety procedures.

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

### Dates for the Diary

Thursday 21 <sup>st</sup> March – 9.30am	Activity Morning (see poster/Famly)
28 <sup>th</sup> March- 12 <sup>th</sup> April	Easter Holiday
25 <sup>TH</sup> April	Bags to School
28 <sup>th</sup> April	Duck Race
27 <sup>th</sup> -31 <sup>st</sup> May	May Half Term
19 <sup>th</sup> July	Last day (Summer)
28 <sup>th</sup> -29 <sup>th</sup> November	Wreath Making

A vibrant spring-themed poster for an activity morning event. The background is a bright blue sky with a sunburst in the top left corner and soft white clouds. Pink cherry blossom branches with green leaves and small yellow butterflies are at the top. The bottom of the poster features a lush green field with various flowers like purple daisies, white daisies, and yellow buttercups, along with a ladybug and a small black and orange bird perched on a wooden stump.

# Activity Morning

**THURSDAY 21st MARCH / 9.30AM**

You are invited to join us for a morning of activities.

If your child **ATTENDS** on a Thursday, you can stay with your child from their start time or come back at 9.30am when the activities will begin. If you are unable to attend they will be looked after by staff.

If your child **DOES NOT** normally attend on a Thursday but you would like to join in, they will need to be accompanied by an adult.

Please let us know if you will/will not be attending on the Family app event by Friday 15th March.

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# Babies and Toddlers

*Run by Beetley and District Preschool*

## Beetley Bears

Stay and Play group.

Age range: 0-4 years

£3 per family of up to 2 children,  
includes a snack for the children  
and a hot drink for adults.

Additional children are 50p.

9.30am-11am

## Buds 'n' Blooms

Baby sensory, sing and sign.

Age range: 0-12 months

£4 per family, includes a hot  
drink for adults.

9.30am-10.30am

Beetley Village Hall  
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