

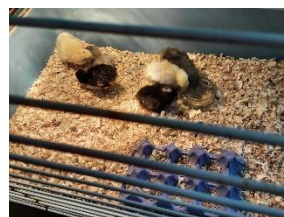
Summer | Issue 1
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Welcome to the Summer term

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

We started off the last half term by learning about 'Lifecycles'. A massive thank you to Dani Edwards who arranged for us to have some chicken eggs which we watched hatch in an incubator and then cared for the chicks before she took them back to their farm. This was a fantastic experience for the children, they absolutely loved it!



We are also eagerly watching tadpoles and caterpillars to see what happens next!



Next, we celebrated Mother's Day where we talked about people who are special to us and read the story 'Mother's and others' day'. The child had the opportunity to create something to take home.

For World book day, we all dressed up as our favorite book characters and shared our favorite stories. During the week we engaged in lots of activities around stories.

During science week, we planted some sunflower seeds, explored sinking and floating, measuring, colour mixing, magnets and ice.

Easter was the final topic of the half term, and we welcomed lots of parents/carers into preschool for our open morning. We hope you had a lovely morning making Easter bonnets, cress heads, lamb cupcakes, egg hunting and chick cuddling!

Staff Changes

Miss Lucy Tooke and Miss Kirstie Rayner started with us after Easter and are settling in well. We hope you and your children are enjoying getting to know them.



Fundraising

A **Bag2School** collection has been arranged for Thursday 25th 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 Thank you.



Don't forget to purchase your ducks!

DUCK RACE
SUNDAY 28th APRIL
BEETLEY RIVER MEADOW
FUN FROM 12pm DUCK RACE AT 12.30pm
BBQ, REFRESHMENTS, RAFFLE & MORE
 DUCKS AVAILABLE NOW FROM BEETLEY PRESCHOOL,
 MESSAGING OUR FACEBOOK PAGE OR EMAIL
 office@beetley-preschool.org

£1 each

Beetley & District Preschool

Scan me!

As you shop “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

“**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 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.

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.

Things to remember...

Funding

Preschool funding is currently available for 3-4 year old's. This consists of 15 hours universal entitlement for all children which becomes available the term after their 3rd birthday. In addition, for working parents of 3-4 year olds this can be extended to 30 hours per week. Working parents/carers of 2 year olds can claim 15 hours funding or there is funding available if you are claiming certain benefits. 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

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:

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

Dates for the Diary

25 TH April	Bags to School
28 th April	Duck Race
9 th May	Library van
15 th May	Family Activity Morning
27 th -31 st May	May Half Term
4 th June	Firefighter visit (PM)
2 nd July	Sports day
12 th July	End of year trip (to be confirmed)
17 th July	Last day (Summer)
18 th July	Graduation
28 th -29 th November	Wreath Making

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
High House Road
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Thursdays
Term Time

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