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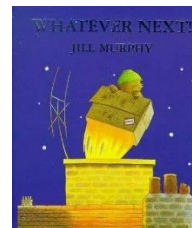


Summer term

Welcome to the last half of the summer term! With the end of the school year approaching fast please look at some important dates and the end of this newsletter.

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

We started off last half term by learning about Space. We got creative making rockets from different junk and construction. We explored our senses with space play dough and different tuff trays. Our focused story was 'whatever next'.



We welcomed you all in for our Well-being and Mindfulness activity morning following that week's topic. It was great to see so many of you at preschool, we hope you had a relaxing time!



Our last topic was 'Endangered animals and patterns'. There was lots of colour mixing, creating repeated patterns, small-world and role-play. We read lots of stories; 'Animal bop' where we created different movements, 'Dear Zoo', learning new words, 'Tico Tango' discussing turn taking and sharing and 'Giraffes can't dance', discussing differences and accepting others.

We have now released our butterflies and tadpoles. It was a great experience to watch these life cycles.



We have kicked off this half term with 'People who help us'. Firstly, the children enjoyed a visit from the Fire service. They brought their new engine, showed us all the equipment, we got to sit inside and squirt the hose!



We then had a visit from a nurse. She came to talk to us all about the help she gives to families and children, giving each of us a chance to weigh her special baby, Timmy Twinkletoes and then to see how much we weigh. She also brought her stethoscope with her so we could all listen to our heartbeats. Each of us chose a special feather or sparkly pom pom from her pot and she showed us some activities we can do when our feelings take control of the things we say and do.

A huge thanks to Lynsey for taking the time out of her busy day to visit us!



Staff Changes

We have Miss Miley Durrant, a Year 10 work experience student joining us for a week from 8th July.

Fundraising

It seems like forever ago now but we had another successful duck race. The weather was not the kindest but the ducks didn't mind and so many people braved the weather! Loads of time, preparation and donations are needed for this annual event so we would like to say a massive thank you to everyone involved. We raised a fantastic £1389 for the preschool.



Thank you for all your book donations towards our book stall at Morrisons. We managed to raise a massive £350.47!!!!



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.

HELP!

Do you feel like you could sometimes help with our fundraising events but feel you could not commit to joining the committee? We have a WhatsApp group dedicated to this. You can join the group and offer your help as and when you can. Please speak to Abby or Hollie to be added.

COMING UP!!!

Quiz 'n' chips Night

Raising money for Beetley Preschool

Teams of 4-6

FRIDAY 5th JULY

St. Mary's Community primary school NR20 4BW

£10 Per person
Includes your sausage/ fish cake/ veggie option & chips
Bring your own refreshments

7.15pm
For Quiz start at 7.30pm

BOOKING ESSENTIAL
Please email office@beetley-preschool.org
or message the Facebook page.

Cash prize

Beetley & District Preschool

Things to remember...

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.

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)	Zoe Lawrence
Will Wilson (Secretary)	Becca Reynolds
Diane Calvert (Treasurer)	Amy Pulfer
Abigail Jenkins (Preschool Manager)	Danielle Edwards
Charlie Wood	Zoe Smith


Policies

The following policies were recently reviewed and adopted by the committee: Admissions and Operation of waiting list, Transitions, Parental Involvement, The role of the key person and Promoting positive behavior.

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

Dates for the Diary

2 nd July	Sports day
5 TH July	Quiz ‘n’ Chips
12 th July	End of year trip
17 th July	Last day (Summer)
18 th July	Graduation
28 th -29 th November	Wreath Making


Norfolk County Council
2024-2025
Norfolk Model Calendar

This calendar applies to community schools, community special schools, VC schools and nursery schools and sets the days on which school transport will be provided. While most Foundation, VA, foundation special, free schools and academy trusts who are able to set their own dates, adopt the Norfolk Model, we advise you to check with your child's school before making holiday or other commitments.

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<p>Key : White dates - schools open to pupils Yellow dates - pupil holiday Red dates - bank holiday</p>	<p>Five staff training days will be selected from yellow dates, we suggest 2 & 3 September, 25 October, 6 January and 22 April. Some may choose to use twilight hours for staff training instead of some or all of these.</p>
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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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Thursdays
Term Time

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