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### **Summer term 2**

Welcome to the last half term of the school year. Even though it's a long one we seem to be flying through! Please read on for lots of important information.

At the end of this term, we will be waving off some children to 'Big' School. We will continue to encourage children to practice clothing, good hygiene, social skills, toileting, and fine motor skills that will support them in this next step.

We are often asked about end of term/leavers' gifts which the staff love and appreciate but if you are considering buying a gift and would like something that will go back into the preschool we have created an Amazon Wish list.

https://www.amazon.co.uk/hz/wishlist/ls/14F6Y8A2NY51P?ref\_=wl\_share

What have we been up to...

We started the half term off with the theme 'lifecycles. We welcomed some caterpillars which we were lucky enough to watch the transformation to butterflies and then release. We also have some eggs which we are hoping will hatch into chicks this week!



We have celebrated 'Father's Day' and all the important people we have in our lives. We have talked about who we have in our houses, matching adult animals up with baby animals, pressing tools into play dough and building houses.







Last week we enjoyed the theme 'Transport' where we looked at different ways to get about. The children all had an opportunity to bring in a wheeled vehicle from home or use one of the preschools to take part in our Wheel-a-thon. Every day over the week we went onto St Mary's playground to complete a course, the children seemed to really enjoy clocking up the laps. Could all the remaining money be collected and sent into preschool before Friday 27<sup>th</sup> June please. Thank you for sponsoring your children to help raise money for our preschool.







# Staff Changes

At the end of this term, Miss Chloe Ott will begin her maternity leave. We wish her luck and can't wait to meet her baby boy in September.

The current staff members will be increasing their hours to cover Miss Ott. We may need to make some slight changes to keypersons, if this is the case for your child we will be in touch as soon as possible.

#### **Fundraising**



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. <a href="https://www.easyfundraising.org.uk">www.easyfundraising.org.uk</a>

"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 <a href="https://www.myschoolfund.org">www.myschoolfund.org</a> for more details and to sign up for free.

'PRESCHOOL WISHES' located on the entrance fence. This is our way of asking for small donations of items for 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, it helps to keep some of our costs down. Just hand one of the dowels to a member of staff to let them know you will be able to donate the item. Thank you in advance for your support.

**FUNRAISING HELP** Our fundraising events are essential to support the running of the preschool and we need as much help as possible. Do you feel like you could sometimes help with our fundraising events but could not commit to joining the committee? We have a WhatsApp group dedicated to this. In this group there are discussions about different events we could hold, up and coming events, jobs/tasks required before the event and support at the event. You can join the group and offer your help as and when you can. Please speak to Abby or Hollie to be added.

Babies and Toddlers



Don't forget we run a stay and play session every week at Beetley village hall. Kirstie follows the themes of the preschool providing a ranges of activites and toys to suit children aged 0-4. Please do pop along!







### **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 <a href="https://www.norfolk.gov.uk/eypp">www.norfolk.gov.uk/eypp</a>

# The Preschool Committee

We are seeking new committee members, if you or anyone you know are interested please get in touch.

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 Monday from 7pm. 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 regards 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:

Charlie Wood (Chairperson)

**Unfilled position (Treasurer)** 

Danielle Edwards (Secretary)

Zoe Lawrence (H&S Officer and Fundraising coordinator)

Abigail Jenkins (Preschool Manager)

Laura Harvey and Becca Reynolds

#### **Policies**

The policies which are currently being reviewed and adopted are: Confidentiality, Equality and Diversity, Ethical information sharing and Working in partnership with other agencies. Updated copies will be able on our website soon or speak to Abby or Hollie.

# Things to remember...

Please do not park your car in the horse-shoe area outside of the school gates or in the school car park. 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.

## **Dates for the Diary**

| Tuesday 8 <sup>th</sup> July    | Sports day            |
|---------------------------------|-----------------------|
| Friday 11 <sup>th</sup> July    | Quiz 'n' chips        |
| Wednesday 16 <sup>th</sup> July | Trip                  |
| Friday 18 <sup>th</sup> July    | Last day of preschool |
| Monday 21st July                | Graduation            |

