

Spring | Issue 2
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Spring term 2

Welcome to the last half of the Spring term. It's nice to see the sun making an appearance at last!

Please let us know if your requirements for the Summer term have changed. Remember to reconfirm codes or apply for funding if necessary for next term.

We have welcomed the children to the spring term with a healthy eating theme. We investigated the seeds of healthy fruit and vegetables, made fruit kebabs at snack time and talked about the importance of brushing our teeth

We were lucky enough to be invited along to a special taster session with ICS Coaching. We enjoyed a session of physical activity building on our gross motor skills, cognitive and social and emotional development. The coach was fantastic, so engaging and motivating and all the children came away from the session having had a fantastic time. Contact ICS coaching by visiting their Facebook page or visit their website for more details on what they have to offer.

We then dived into the theme 'Dentists'. We turned our home corner into a dentist surgery role play, learnt songs about teeth brushing, met Bobby Brush our resident teeth brushing bear expert and practised our brushing both in activities and after lunch.

We took part in the big bird watch at the meadow at St. Mary's Community Primary School Beetley. We made bird feeders and binoculars to help us spot and encourage more birds.

We spent two weeks looking at traditional tales for Storytelling week, The three Billy goats gruff, The Gingerbread man, and Goldilocks and the three bears. There was lots of constructing, messy play, re-enacting, colour mixing and baking.

We felt the love with our Valentines theme incorporating Pancake Day into the week, making pancakes to taste at snack. We finished the theme off with our family activity morning. A huge THANK YOU to all the families that were able to attend.

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

We celebrated Chinese New Year. We have tried noodles, prawn crackers and spring rolls at snack time, painted cherry blossoms and also made some Chinese musical instruments. We painted our own dragon head and took part in a dragon dance to music at carpet time.

This term we have slightly changed the morning routine. At 9.30am we have introduced a 10-minute carpet time where we complete a welcome register, change our display of the day, month, season and weather. Along with our activity for the phonic sound of the week.

Staff Changes



*****New Staff member*****

We are pleased Mrs Vicky Gilding has joined the team this half term. We hope you have had a chance to meet her. She has a level 3 qualification with over 17 year's experience in the early years. She has worked in preschool, nursery and as a nanny.

Fundraising

We are pleased to confirm that we are now an affiliate of Easy2name – the one stop shop for all your name label needs!

*Use code **Beetley** when your check out for free delivery (we earn a small commission that will go towards resources for the children)*

[Name tags, name labels & name stickers | Easy2Name](#)



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 but could not commit to joining the committee? We have a **WhatsApp** group chat dedicated to this. If you would like to join the group to offer your help or share ideas, please speak to Hollie to be added.

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.

‘**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.

EASTER
CHOCOLATE
BINGO
27-3-26
St. Mary's Primary School, Beetley
Raising money for Beetley Preschool
7pm for 'Eyes down' @ 7.30pm
£6 Per person
(includes 6 games)
Message our Facebook page or email
beetleypreschool.fundraising@gmail.com
to book your place

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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/guardians of 3–4-year-olds this can be extended to 30 hours per week. Working parents/guardians of 2 year olds can claim 30 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 Best Start in Life website at www.beststartinlife.gov.uk

Did you know that we may be entitled to £300 additional funding to improve the education of your child? 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**

Our preschool is run by a dedicated team of committee members. 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 finances and make decisions with regards to the running. If you would like to be involved and have your say in supporting the preschool and providing the best experiences for your child and the other children, please message or speak to a member of staff/committee.

Our current committee members are:**John Billings (Chairperson)****Hollie Durrant (Interim Manager)****Rebecca Reynolds (Treasurer)****Amy Haymes (Secretary)****Annie Shayes****Emily Neave****Policies**

The following of sections polices have been reviewed and adopted: Staffing and Employment and Safeguarding. Updated copies are available on our website or speak to Hollie or Julie.

Reminders

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

12 th March	Library van
16-20 th March	Bring it in (Easter chocs)
25 th March	Activity Morning
27 th March	Easter Bingo Last day of term
13 th April	Back to Preschool
30 th March	Morrisons book Table begins
19 th April	Duck race



2025-2026



Please note that these dates differ slightly to the holiday dates of some neighbouring schools

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Key : White dates - schools open to pupils
 Yellow dates - pupil holiday
 Red dates - bank holiday

Staff training days are 1st & 2nd September, 24th October, 5th and 6th January, 25th and 26th June, and 20th July. The training days on 24th October, 26th June and 20th July will be disaggregated over twilights throughout the year.