



Buckden Pre-School Playgroup

A place for Children to grow, to learn and to flourish

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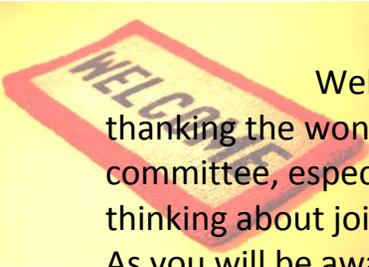
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Newsletter – April 2014

Preschool roundup



Welcome to my first newsletter as manager! I would like to start by thanking the wonderful staff team for making me feel so welcome and to the committee, especially Corinne, for their hard work and warm welcome (if you are thinking about joining the committee you really should, it can be incredibly rewarding) As you will be aware there have been some changes to the routine and layout of the preschool. Any changes are done with the children's best interests in mind and we evaluate these changes to ensure they are supporting all the children's learning and development journeys. We would very much value your thoughts and opinions on any aspect of the preschool and are currently working on a format that will allow you to do so but in the meantime please do let us know how we are doing by either emailing us at buckdenpreschool@yahoo.com, stopping in for a chat or putting it in writing in either the suggestions/comments box or the fees box.



The children have been very busy over the past few weeks; they have been exploring textures through painting, gluing, sand, play dough and blowing bubbles! We have been rhyming, off out on bear hunts, scaring thunder and taking part in circuits which has been thoroughly enjoyed. Over the next half term we will be focusing on Personal, Social, Emotional Development (PSED). We will be looking at being kind, feelings, transitions and rules and boundaries through a variety of activities. If you would like to know more about PSED or any other area of the Early Years Foundation Stage (EYFS) please take a look at the information on the table near the white board, there are also copies of preschool policies and information about festivals and celebrations or of course just come and ask ☺

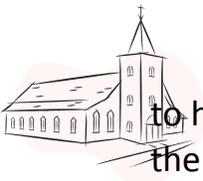
Some reminders:

- We have a strict NO NUTS policy in the setting due to children with allergies so please avoid nuts and nut based products in your children's lunch boxes.
- If applicable please provide nappy bags and wipes in your children's bags for nappy changes

- Please adhere to the drop off and pick up times of the sessions. Arriving early can impact on the adult/children ratio's as can picking up late as well as upsetting the children
- Please ensure your fees are paid on time to avoid late charges!
- Please provide a change of clothing for your child each session and if possible name them to avoid any confusion



After Easter the school leavers will be starting a shared reading scheme. Each week they will bring home a book to read with you and a worksheet or other activity to complete. They will have an exercise book for you to write feedback about what they did or didn't enjoy about the books and any other useful information that will support their learning and development. On their last session of the week we will change their book, stick in the completed worksheets and the process starts again! Any questions please do ask. As well as this Alison will be taking the children to the library, when possible, in small groups to take part in literacy sessions, this is a very exciting opportunity and we really hope the children enjoy and benefit from this.



We will be visiting the church on the 29th April and would love some volunteers to help the children get their safely, if you can help please add your name to the list on the nursery doors

Committee Roundup



Some of the Pre-school committee are organising a Buckden May Ball, you may have seen us in the paper recently! For more information check out our facebook page, Buckden May Ball 2014 it would be fabulous to have a pre-school table and a chance for staff, Mummies & carers to get dressed up and have a well deserved night out! We are after Raffle prizes and table sponsorship and prizes for an exciting Auction of promises for example could you make up a voucher to bake a birthday cake or babysitting voucher, personal shopper, know anyone with something they could donate apples from a tree when in season, all for a good cause, or even a willing husband who could be a DIY slave for a day?! Please let Claire (Elliott's Mum) Elaine (Jamie's mum) or Vikki (Dexter's Mum) or Vikki (Oscars Mum) know.



Hopefully in the milder weather you will be seeing the children walking around the village in their hi-viz vests kindly donated by Anne Furbank Store. Costcutter as ever, are supporting the pre-school not only by donating healthy snacks but by very generously donating money towards the ball in aid of the pre-school.



We are well on our way to achieving our fundraising target for a new changing unit. A massive thank you to all! The pre-school relies on fundraising to get new resources that go directly back into the children's development so if you have any ideas for fundraising events please let us know, get involved :).



Monday club first Mon of term or the month at the Lion after drop off from 9:10 if you fancy a cuppa you'd be most welcome!

BUCKDEN MAY BALL

**Dinner & Dance
on your doorstep**

SATURDAY 17TH MAY

**BUCKDEN VILLAGE
HALL
7PM-12PM**

Tickets £40-00 each
(Discount for table bookings of 10)

**WELCOME DRINKS, FORMAL DINNER,
LIVE BAND & CHARITY AUCTION
IN AID OF MAGPAS
& BUCKDEN
PRE-SCHOOL PLAYGROUP**

Tickets Available from 17th March, book
early to avoid disappointment

**For more information please contact
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