



# Buckden Pre-School Playgroup

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

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## Newsletter –April 2016

### Preschool roundup

Busy, busy, busy...what a month! We have had 6 new starters who are settling well and getting into the swing of preschool life. The school leavers have started PE and are loving it, this is more of an opportunity to encourage them to get undressed and redressed independently in readiness for school but they love the exercise part of it too. We have been getting creative with painting and collaging, had fun with playdough and built all manner of things with our builder's yard role play area. We have lots of exciting activities planned for next month including May pole dancing...should be fun!



### Happy Birthday to you!

A very happy birthday to Harvey who turned 4 this month, we hope you had a lovely day.



### A big Preschool Welcome...

We are happy to welcome Nathan to the preschool and look forward to him settling and having lots of fun



### Lunch boxes and bags

Now our numbers have increased space for coats and bags is limited as is storage for lunches in the fridge. Can you please send spare clothes etc. in a small bag, you can purchase a preschool draw string one which is an ideal size, and lunches in the smallest lunch box you can. Thank you for your support.



## EYFS: Early Years Foundation Stage

As you know we follow the EYFS to support and assess the children's learning. Learning through play is the most important aspect of what we do, children develop new skills as they play such as sharing, turn taking, conversing, confidence and perseverance. We observe the children in the 7 areas of learning with the main focus on the 3 prime areas, Communication and language, physical and personal, social and emotional, especially for the children under 3. Observations are then used to assess the children against the outcomes in the EYFS where we can then see if there are any areas where children need additional support as well as plan next steps to ensure the children keep moving forward in their learning and development. For more information about the EYFS:

[http://www.foundationyears.org.uk/files/2015/03/4Children\\_ParentsGuide\\_2015\\_WEB.pdf](http://www.foundationyears.org.uk/files/2015/03/4Children_ParentsGuide_2015_WEB.pdf)

## **Term dates**

### **2016**

May Day: Monday 2nd May

Half Term: 30th May – 3rd June

Summer Term Closes: Friday 15th July

Professional Days: Monday 18th July, Tuesday 19th July and Wednesday 20th July, Thursday 21st

Autumn term opens: Thursday 1st September

Half term: 24th -28th October

Autumn term closes: Tuesday 20th December

## **Committee roundup**

We welcome several new children to the Preschool this term and hope, even if they are with us for only a short time, they enjoy the facilities we are able to offer. The numbers at the Preschool are at their highest level for some years, we feel reflects the progress we have made. As always I make my usual appeal for support from existing and new parents to join us on the committee. You will have seen Natalie's plea specifically for a volunteer to replace Sonia who has been our secretary for the last 8 years but we would also welcome other volunteers to the committee.

Finally the summer term always offers further fundraising events – specifically the adult disco in May as well as the village fete and Buckfest in July. The committee would also like to thank individual parents for their own fundraising efforts all of which contribute to the Preschool. We are now in a sufficiently strong financial position to use all of the money from fundraising to enhance the facilities we provide for the children rather than it helping to meet the operating costs.

Alan Scott, Chairperson Buckden Preschool