



Buckden Pre-School Playgroup

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

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Preschool roundup

Spring is trying very hard to make an appearance and we have been taking advantage of the nice weather to visit the play park in the afternoons. We have had a busy month which has included a visit to the dentist and the church, an assault course with a real soldier and some frozen themed fun; we are looking forward to the Easter break which we hope brings lots more good weather and yummy chocolate too.

A few reminders:

- Please ensure you are on time for dropping off and picking up your children. Late arrivals in the morning can be disruptive and mean that children miss out on registration and late pickups can cause distress as well as problems with the adult/child ratios.
- If your child is not going to be attending a session for any reason we would really appreciate a text or phone call to let us know. We have created a new procedure for unexplained absences which you should all have a copy of for your own reference.
- **Can you please ensure your fees are paid on time**, we are reliant on the fees to pay our overheads and so when fees are late we are then late paying.
- Can you please name all clothing, hats, lunch boxes, bottles etc so we can clearly identify who they belong to
- If your child is in nappies/pull-ups can you please make sure you send them in with spare nappies/pull-ups, wipes and nappy sacks
- Many thanks for all your help with these



Happy Birthday to you!

A very happy birthday to Cayden who turns 3 this month and to Jessie who turns 4, we hope you both have a fantastic birthday.



PE kits

If your child is a school leaver this year can you please bring in a named PE kit for them after the Easter holidays? We will run PE sessions a couple of times a week which will give the children the opportunity to practice getting dressed and undressed for PE as well as having fun of course.

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We are collecting

If you have any vouchers we are collecting them. This year we would like to get some gardening equipment so the children can learn about growth and what plants need to help them grow.



Thank you!

Some big thanks this month go out to the parents who helped us with the visits to the church and dentist; we really appreciate your time.

Massive thanks to Paddy Wilks for coming in and showing the children some army equipment and then completing a circuits course with them, they had an absolute blast 😊



Sad farewell

This month we say a sad goodbye to Emma who is leaving preschool and her mum Lyndsey who will be leaving the committee. We would like to send our heartfelt thanks to Lyndsey for all her hard work and

support during her time on the committee, we will miss them both and wish them the very best for the future.



French

We will be starting French after Easter with Benoit's mum, Kate. Sessions will be on a Wednesday afternoon and will be initially for the school leavers but if other children show an interest we will do our best to accommodate them too.



Fancy a boogie?

Why not join us for some old school tunes, at the village hall on Saturday 18th April, 7.30pm till midnight. Tickets are £5 in advance or £7 on the night. Tickets can be purchased from Days Butchers, Costcutter, Buckden Pre-School, Heather Surrige, Lyndsey Jolly or Becky Daw.

Term dates

2015

Spring Term Opens: Monday 5th January

Half Term: 16th - 20th February

Spring Term Closes: Friday 27th March

Summer Term Opens: Monday 13th April

May Day: Monday 4th May

Half Term: 25th – 29th May

Summer Term Closes: Friday 17th July

Professional Day: Monday 20th July

Professional Day: Tuesday 21st July

Professional Day: Wednesday 22nd July

Committee roundup

We welcomed three new members to Committee Meeting earlier this month. Natasha who will be tasked with improving the links between the pre -school and the parents, Kate will keep an eye on our policies and update them when needed and Emma who I hope will join the fundraising team. Unfortunately as we gain new members of the Committee then others are compelled to leave us. We are losing the whole of our fund raising team in July owing to work commitments. I would like to thank all of them for their efforts in raising hundreds of pounds for the Preschool over the last two years. Luckily they will remain with us for the Disco in April, Buckfest and the Village Fete in July. Needless to say my notes contain the usual plea for more parents to join the Committee especially to supplement our fundraising activities. Please contact Michelle if you feel able to lend a hand.

A brief mention of other matters. The number of children at Preschool has risen to 31 which is our highest figure for some time. We continue to aim for greater numbers. You may have seen our recent advertisements in the local magazines which are aimed to maintain and if possible increase the roll. We have recently

been given over £200 by Waitrose in Huntingdon which we will make available to the Preschool to enhance its facilities later in the year. We shall be installing Wi-Fi over the next few weeks. It has kindly been given to us by the Village Hall Trust who are carrying a complete installation in all parts of the Village Hall

I look forward to updating you in the next Newsletter

Alan Scott Chairperson