



Buckden Pre-School Playgroup

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

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Newsletter –May 2015

Preschool roundup

Welcome to the May newsletter. The weather is starting to look very summery and we are hoping to be able to spend more time outside. If it is a warm day please do remember to send your child in with adequate sun cream and a hat too. We will top them up at lunchtime if they stay all day so make sure you have signed the permission form.

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

Birthday greetings go out to Charlie and Caedan who turn 4 this month, all grown up and ready for school, we hope they have a great day. Happy third birthday to Rhys too, we hope you get lots of lovely Thomas related presents.



Jars!

We have a plan and we need your jars in order to orchestrate it. If you have any clean jars with lids we can make them feel very useful. Please drop them off at the preschool.....watch this space for their new role!



Tombola

Are you having a clean out? Do you have anything we could use for the forthcoming tombola's? Please do drop them off in the box outside preschool. We will be very grateful for all donations.



Artist of the week

Miss Denise came up with the lovely idea of showcasing a piece of artwork each week. The artist is chosen based on the effort and thought that has gone into the finished work. After half term we will be displaying the work in the reception area on our new easel 😊

Our artists so far are:

Week 1- Charley-Mae

Week 2 – Mia

Week 3 – Isabelle

Week 4 – Ethan

Week 4 - Libby



PE

All the school leavers have had the opportunity to take part in PE. On good weather days Miss Estelle takes them out on to the field and when it is miserable they go to the Lincoln room. As well as having lots of fun the children are practicing getting undressed and dressed in readiness for big school. We would recommend you practice at home too, especially buttons as they will be wearing shirts at school.



French

The children are enjoying learning French with Kate. We are alternating Mondays and Wednesdays so that as many children as possible get the opportunity to take part. We have coloured the French flag, learnt some

colours and methods of transport and family members and are also learning the French version of Head, shoulders, knees and toes, which is tête, epaules, genoux, doigts-pieds. We will be celebrating Bastille Day in July, more information will be available nearer the time.

Snack

Miss Estelle has been taking some of the children to Costcutter on a Monday so they can help to choose snack. We are incredibly grateful to Costcutter for letting us have all our yummy snack items for free.

Shhhhh, do not disturb!

If you pick up your child on a Wednesday lunchtime could you be mindful of the art group using the Lincoln room and keep the noise to a minimum. Thank you for your cooperation.

Term dates

2015

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

Welcome back to both parents and children after the half term break. Sadly fifteen of our children will be leaving us to go to big school in September. I hope they will remember their experience at Buckden Preschool with pleasure and you, the parents, will feel they have benefited from their time with us.

The preschool has increased its numbers since the beginning of the academic year and significantly the weekly hours of attendance have risen by over a third since last September. I am sure you have noticed this as you queue patiently each morning. This means we are in a stronger financial position than for some time and that our fundraising events can generate income directly for improvements in the preschool facilities and not be used exclusively for operating costs.

I have to make my usual plea for help in this newsletter. We have now covered the main designated functions on the preschool committee with the introduction of the three new committee members after Easter. However we still need help,

particularly for fundraising events. Please contact Michelle or come to our next meeting if you feel you would like to be involved.

Finally a word about our continuing efforts to communicate with parents. We have created an exclusive parent information board in the foyer which we hope will give you a greater insight into the working of the preschool and its link with the parents. If you feel there are improvements we could still make the please speak to Michelle or Natalie, our parent liaison contact on the committee.

Alan Scott – Chair of Buckden Preschool Playgroup.