



Buckden Pre-School Playgroup

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

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Newsletter – November 2014

Preschool roundup

Welcome to the November newsletter. Well let's start with the amazing news about Ofsted.....! We were inspected on the 6th November and were rated as **GOOD!!** We are all so unbelievably proud of this achievement but of course will continue to work as hard to continue to improve our practice and ensure that all the children get the very best start on their educational journeys.

This month we have looked at fireworks and thanksgiving and had a sneaky peek at Christmas..!

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!

A very happy birthday to Kobi, Archie, Emma and Jackson who all turned 3 this month, we hope you all had lovely birthdays.

It's in the bag!!

Can you check your child's bag after each session, we put all their art work in them as well as any letters and invoices. Many thanks



We would like.....

We would like to add to our technology toys to further support the children's learning and development. Do you have any old mobiles, torches, cameras, calculators? If so we can give them a very good

home....thank you ☺

Can we ask....?



That you don't discuss any issues you may have with the preschool or your child with staff when they are out of the setting. We appreciate that it can be busy at dropping off and picking up time but if you do need to talk to staff please either ask in the morning/afternoon if you can pop in for a chat or give us a call we will do what we can to make a time that suits you. Whilst we appreciate the majority of our staff live locally and so are seen out and about in the village it isn't fair to them if you "talk shop" with them when they are with their family or enjoying some much needed time off. Many thanks for your cooperation with this.



Happy snaps!

We hope you are pleased with the photos that Kath took of your very photogenic children. She loved spending time with all the children and the children really enjoyed looking at the pictures she had taken and showing her their very best smiles. Prices and ordering instructions should all be on your child's proof sheets but if you have any questions please do let us know and we will contact Kath if we can't give you the answers.



Whoops a Daisy

Rehearsals have begun and we are really proud of the children and the effort they are putting into the play. Hopefully you have all had details about your children's parts and the costumes they will need. Can we ask that all costumes are handed in by the 5th December so we can do some dress rehearsals which will be filmed ready for selling.

Term dates

Professional Day: Friday 24th October

Half Term: 27th - 31st October

Autumn Term Closes: Friday 19th December

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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

Future Fundraising Events:

Christmas Fayre: Saturday 6th December

Please can you let staff know if you are able to help on the day, even for an hour, donate any goods and/ or cakes will be greatly appreciated!!

If you shop online please consider using this link, every time you make a purchase from a store via the site we receive a donation....thank you ☺

<http://www.easyfundraising.org.uk/panel/?v=b>