



May 2017 Newsletter

Nursery Class Bluebell Visit

On Wednesday 10 May the Nursery Class children with their parents/carers have been invited to June Bowman's garden to see her wonderful Bluebell display. Those children in the Nursery Class should by now have received a letter giving further details if not please speak to Shirley.

Sports Day & May Fayre - Saturday 13th May 2017

The children have already started practising for this year's sports day. The races will commence **promptly** at 11 a.m. so please don't be late. All children need to be dressed appropriately i.e. sensible footwear and clothes they are able to run in. Please **do not dress** your child in their Fancy Dress costumes until after the races have finished.

May Fayre: A list is being displayed in the foyer asking for volunteers to man the stalls/set up/clear away. We still need more of you to help even if you can spare only one hour. Cake plates will be going home shortly so please donate some homemade or shop bought cakes, scones, jams and chutneys etc. Items for the toy stall are coming in but we still need bottles for the bottle tombola. Raffle tickets are being sent out in bookbags but if further ticket books are required please speak to a member of staff. Raffle ticket stubs must be returned by 12 May. If you have any unused raffle tickets could you please return them to the Pre-School as soon as possible. We are also looking to borrow gazebos - so please can you tell us asap if you are able to assist with any of these.

There will be plenty to keep everyone happy. The Fancy Dress Parade will commence at 1.45 p.m. The Miniature Train, Fire Engine and Crew and many exciting stalls will keep the children entertained.

Bring along your picnic rug and enjoy a burger or a hot dog with a Pimms hopefully in the sunshine. Remember all our fundraising proceeds are ploughed back into making the Pre-School a better place for the children.

Please note that dogs will NOT be permitted on the field.

Glitz and Glamour Ball

DUE TO LACK OF SUPPORT THIS EVENT HAS BEEN CANCELLED.

Paddock Wood Half Marathon

We would like to say a big thank you to Jade Hollett-Digby and Charlotte and Richard Outten who took part in this year's Paddock Wood Half Marathon. They raised £776 for the Pre-School which is a fantastic amount. Thank you.

Easter Egg Hunt

Thank you to all those who attend and supported the Easter Egg Hunt we raised £296.

"Now That's What I Call Brenchley 2017"

Copies of Kirsty's fantastic CD are available at a suggested donation of £3.00

Brenchley Bear is taking part in the Bouncing Czech Fireball Rally 9 - 17 June 2017

Ben May (Erin's Daddy) and Nick (Erin's Uncle) are taking part in the Bouncing Czech Fireball Rally and they are taking Brenchley Bear! It is a challenge of 9 countries in 9 days, France, Belgium, Holland, Germany, Czech Rep., Austria; Liechtenstein, Switzerland and Luxembourg. They will be raising money for the Pre-School so please sponsor this gallant effort on the following link <http://virginmoneygiving.com/charities/brenchleypreschool>.

Lions Class Sustainability Projects

The live web cam placed in the bird box has proved to be invaluable. The children have had great fun and learnt so much about the birds local to their area. We are currently watching Stacey Sparrow who has made an incredible nest.

Please see the attached Guidance and Picture Sheets in relation to the correct use of water and electricity for you to discuss with your child.

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Sun Cream

We shall be using Boots Soltan Kids Hypoallergenic Factor 50 for all children. If you have not already indicated, please let us know if this is not suitable for your child.

Summer Clothing and Footwear Code

Now that the warmer weather is approaching we would like to remind you that the children's shoulders should be covered at all times so please **NO strappy tops**. Sensible footwear should also be worn with **NO crocs or flip flops**. Please ensure that all items of clothing including shoes are named.

****Ice Blocks****

It is really important that you provide ice blocks in your child's lunchbox.

Sound of the Week (Lions)

We shall be focussing on only ONE letter from the alphabet per week so from the w/c 2 May the letter will be E and the following week will be F and so on. Please only bring in items for Show & Tell that are connected with Sound of the Week. This is for you as parents to be involved in helping your child's emerging phonetic sounds. **Please don't bring anything in that is particularly precious to you or your child.**

Dropping off/Collection Time

It has come to our attention that some parents are parking in the road adjacent to the Pre-School when dropping off/collecting their child. May we remind you that this is a private road and as such should not be used under any circumstances. Thank you.

Communication

If your child is unable to attend their session due to sickness, holidays, etc could you please report this as soon as possible to the Pre-School by **telephone (01892 724261) asap and not** via Facebook.

If someone else has to collect your child, even if they are on our emergency contact sheet, please telephone us on the day. Alternatively if you know when you drop your child off in the morning please inform a member of staff and write who will be collecting your child either on the board (Lions Class) or book (Nursery). Please check your child's red Book Bag regularly for any communication we may be sending home. Any return correspondence needs to be handed to Shirley or a member of staff.

Collection Times

Could we please remind parents/carers that our collection times are 12 noon and 3.30 p.m. We have in the past had several occasions where a child has not been collected until 3.50 p.m. which obviously causes problems with safety/staffing issues. So please collect your child prior to collecting any older siblings from Primary School. Thank you.

Lunchboxes

Now the weather is getting warmer please remember to add an ice block in your child's lunchbox. Please also ensure that all lunchboxes are named. Following FSA guidelines we will remove any out of date items that we find in your child's lunchbox as failure to do so could result in the Pre-School being liable for a hefty fine.

As we have several children at Pre-School with nut allergies, please **DO NOT** give your child any nuts or nut based products in their lunchboxes. To prevent choking incidents please ensure that any grapes, tomatoes or soft fruit i.e. cherries are cut into quarters and that any stones have been removed. As these items can be a **CHOKING HAZARD**.

Term Dates 2017

Term 5: Tues 18 Apr - Fri 26 May

Term 6: Mon 5 Jun - Thurs 20 July

Please note the Leavers Concert will take place on Friday 21 July at 9.15 a.m.

Term Dates 2017/2018

Term 1: Wed 6 Sept - Fri 20 Oct

Dates to Note

May Fayre/Sports Day

Sat 13 May

Leavers Concert

Fri 21 July am