



April 2018 Newsletter

Quiz Night

The Quiz Night is now taking place on Friday 27 April at Grays at 7.30 p.m. for an 8.00 p.m. start. Tickets are £5 each and will be available from the Pre-School. There will also be a raffle and card games on the evening. Please bring your own drinks and nibbles.

Nursery Class Bluebell Visit

On Wednesday 9 May the Nursery Class children, together with their parents/carers, have been invited to Mrs June Bowman's garden to see her wonderful Bluebell display. Further details will be available after the Easter break but please keep the morning free as it's a lovely social event for both children and parents.

Summer Fayre and Sports Day

Sports Day and the Summer Fayre are to be held on Saturday 12 May. Please save the date - The Fayre will begin immediately after the Children's Sports Day. Any bottles for the tombola and quality toys for the toy stall would be gratefully received. More details will be sent out on our return from the Easter holiday.

Sponsored Tub Fill

Thank you to all those children and parents who entered the Sponsored Tub Fill. The winners were Alfie with 66 items and Ronnie with 63 items with both boys receiving a "Build a Digger" prize. We raised over £575 so well done everyone.

Easter Egg Hunt

We hope you enjoyed the Easter Egg Hunt we raised just under £400 so thank you.

Please remember that all fundraising monies are ploughed back into the Pre-School for the benefit of the children.

30 Hour Extended Funding

For those parents who are eligible for the funding please remember to recheck your eligibility when prompted by HMRC. Failure to do so could result in you losing the additional funding.

Sound of the Week (Lions)

We shall be focussing on only ONE letter from the alphabet per week so from the w/c 17 April the letter will be C and the following week will be D 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.**

Warmer Weather (hopefully)

Sun Cream:

Once again 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:

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. We also have our own supply of sunhats so please do not bring in a hat from home.

****Ice Blocks****

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

Lunches

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**. Please also remember to clearly mark the lunchbox with your child's name.

Following FSA guidelines, we will remove any out of date items that we find in your child's lunchbox. 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.

Planning/Useful Information

Please check out the notice boards in the Foyer for our daily activities.

Communication

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

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.

Book Bags

Could we please ask parents not to place important items i.e., cheques, forms, letters etc in their child's book bags but to hand them to a member of staff. Due to the number of children, especially in the Lions Class, it is not always possible to check bags on a daily basis.

Car Parking

We would like to remind parents that the road adjacent to the Pre-School is a Private Road and should not be used to park your car under any circumstances.

Mobile Phones

Following safeguarding policies, we would like to remind parents that the use of Mobile Phones is strictly prohibited once inside the Pre-School building.



Facebook. Please do follow us on Facebook - Brenchley Pre-School Group. You can also find us on Twitter. Both these sites will keep you up to date on the happenings at Pre-School.

Private Group on Facebook

Use of the private group should only be used as a means of communicating **Pre-School Information** between parents only. Please note that the Staff should in no way be tagged into posts and that responses should not be expected outside school hours except in urgent cases. Thank you.

TW Lotto - A Chance to Win up to £25,000

Tickets are available at £1 each and you could win up to £25,000 whilst supporting your "Cause". 50% of all the tickets sold through our webpage on twlotto.co.uk will be donated to the Pre-School. Currently we have only 14 supporters which will make £900 a year for the Pre-School if we could increase our supporters then we would receive so MUCH MORE. Just log on to twlotto.co.uk and search for Brenchley Pre-School.

Dates to Note

Quiz Night:	Fri 27 Apr
Parents Evenings:	Wed 14 & Thurs 15 Mar
Easter Egg Hunt:	Sat 24 Mar
May Fayre & Sports Day:	Sat 12 May 2018

Term Dates 2018

Term 5:	Tues 17 Apr - Fri 25 May
Term 6:	Mon 4 Jun - Mon 23 Jul (Leavers Concert Tuesday 24 Jul)