



October 2017 Newsletter

AGM

Our Annual General Meeting is scheduled for Thursday 19 October at 8.15 p.m. It is really important that as many parents as possible can attend this event which lasts no longer than 30 minutes. We also need parents to join our Fundraising Committee. If you would like to join the Fundraising Committee please speak to Shirley.

Sponsored Welly Throw - w/c 30 October

We shall be holding a Sponsored Welly Throw the week commencing Monday 30 October. The child that throws the welly the furthest in both the Nursery and the Lions Class will receive a new pair of wellies. Forms will be sent home shortly and it would be appreciated if these could be returned as soon as possible. To make giving your donations easier please use the following link: <http://uk.virginmoneygiving.make-a-donation>

Nursery & Lions Parents Evening: Tues 14 Nov

Lions Class Parent Evening: Wed 15 Nov

Please keep the dates free in your diary - Shirley will contact you re appointments nearer the time.

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.

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.

Personalised Letters from Father Christmas

This year Sian will once again be spreading her magic by creating an exciting letter from Father Christmas to your child and any siblings. Sian has been creating these letters for many years and makes it completely personal to your child. We know that other companies offer this service but until you receive one from Sian you will not wish to use anyone else again. Forms will be sent out shortly. Letters cost £5 each and will be posted home to your child/children in early December.

Sound of the Week (Lions)

We shall be focussing on only ONE letter from the alphabet per week so from the w/c 2 October the letter will be D and the following week will be E 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.**

Coats/Jumpers

We shall be going out into the garden every day so please ensure your child has a jumper/coat to wear.

Planning/Useful Information

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

Lunches

Despite our advice, Parents are still guilty of not ensuring their child's food in their lunchbox is cut up sufficiently small. 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.

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Clothing and Footwear Code

Please ensure that all items of clothing including shoes are named.

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.

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.

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.



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.

General Car Parking

Please note that parking is NOT permitted in the Brenchley Road (opposite the Brenchley Garage) during school hours. Parents are advised to use the car parks adjacent to the swing park or the Memorial Hall. Please also be aware that occasionally events take place at the Primary School which can result in more congestion so please leave enough time to collect/drop off your child. WE WOULD ALSO LIKE TO REMIND PARENTS THAT THE ROAD ADJACENT TO THE PRE-SCHOOL IS A PRIVATE ROAD AND AS SUCH SHOULD NOT BE USED UNDER ANY CIRCUMSTANCES.

Dogs at Pre-School

As several of our children are frightened of dogs in close proximity, could you please consider leaving your dog at home/in the car when dropping off/collecting your child. Thank you.

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

We have signed up to TWBC Online Lottery. 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. A win win situation for all. Just log on to twlotto.co.uk and search for Brenchley Pre-School. Sign up before 30 September and you have the chance to win an Amazon Fire HD Tablet with Alexa!!!!

Dates to Note

AGM: Thurs 19 October

Nursery & Lions Parents Evening: Tues 14 Nov

Lions Class Parent Evening: Wed 15 Nov

Lions Nativity: Friday 8 December

Term Dates 2017/2018

Term 1: Wed 6 Sept - Fri 20 Oct

Term 2: Mon 30 Oct - Tues 19 Dec

Term 3: Thu 4 Jan - Fri 9 Feb

Term 4: Tues 20 Feb - Thurs 29 Mar

Term 5: Tues 17 Apr - Fri 25 May

Term 6: Mon 4 Jun - Mon 23 Jul

(Leavers Concert Tuesday 24 Jul)