



April 2015 Newsletter

Scarlet Fever

We have a child off sick with Scarlet Fever. Please be vigilant and monitor your child. If they display any signs or symptoms please contact your GP.

Comic Relief - Friday 13 March

Thank you for your donations for Comic Relief. We raised £23.10.

Quiz Night

Due to lack of ticket sales we had to postpone the Quiz Night. However it is hoped that this will now take place on Friday 26 June so please put the date in your diary.

Fundraising

To be an outstanding Pre-School we constantly need to keep our equipment and resources up to a very high standard. We need to replace our existing tables and chairs which are over twelve years old. The right furniture is imperative to obtain correct posture because decreased muscle tone and core strength can lead to difficulty in writing and concentration. It is so important for children to have good posture at an early age. All the money we raise is ploughed back into the Pre-School for the benefit of your children. Thank you.

Sponsored Welly Throw

Thank you your generosity we are now able to purchase a Community Playthings table and some chairs. Sophie Thurstan in the Nursery Class and Isaac Douglas in the Lions are now the proud owners of new wellies.

The London Marathon

Chris Horn, Arthur's Dad, will be running in this year's London Marathon and we are very grateful that he has very kindly offered to split his sponsorship between Parkinsons UK and the Pre-School. If you would like to sponsor Chris please follow the following link:
www.virginmoneygiving.com/christopherhorn

Nursery Class Bluebell Visit

On Monday 11 May the Nursery Class children with their parents/carers have been invited to Mrs June Bowman's garden to see her wonderful Bluebell display. More information will be given after the Easter holiday so please check your child's book bag.

May Fayre - SATURDAY 16 MAY

This year's May Fayre will take place on Saturday 16 May and follow on from the children's Sports Day which will commence at 11.00 a.m.

We will shortly be looking for tombola donations etc and also need a supply of small, medium and large glass jars to use at this year's Fayre (lids are not needed).

A list will be displayed shortly, asking for volunteers to man the stalls/set up/clear away so please be generous with your time and your partners!!!

Please look out for more information in the book bags on our return after the Easter break.

****The "Masked" Ball - 6 June 2015****

There is still time to grab a table!!!! The cost remains for this year at £50 which includes a pre-dinner drink, three course meal, coffee and mints, $\frac{1}{2}$ bottle of wine per person and disco until 1 am. With the addition of "Jason Allen" an award winning Michael Buble Tribute Act. For those who have already booked a table a 50% deposit is required asap with the balance required by the 1ST May.

Sainsbury's Active Kids 2015

We are hoping to reach the 6,000 mark this year as we have "earmarked" an Octagonal Wooden Bench for the garden from the Active Kids catalogue, so please keep bringing in the vouchers.

Community Matters - Waitrose

This month we have been selected as one of the designated local charities by Waitrose in Paddock Wood. So please support us by using the green tokens.

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Inset Day – Monday 20 April

All staff will be undertaking the following training:
(am) Walking in the Shoes of Giants (2 Year Old Training) and (pm) Characteristics of Learning

*******Parking Reminder*******

Several parents have been witnessed using the **small car park** immediately adjacent to the School and have also been seen **driving up the private road**. These two areas are strictly **FORBIDDEN** to Pre-School parents as they are used for Emergency Vehicle access attending the Primary School, Pre-School and the private houses.

Book Bags

Please check your child's book bag on a regular basis for information/letters/invoices etc.

Sound of the Week (Lions)

We shall be focussing on only **ONE** letter from the alphabet per week so from the w/c 21 April the letter will be **C** and the following week **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. We hope you and your child will enjoy looking for some interesting items to bring in.

Suncream

We shall be using Boots Soltan Kids Hypoallergenic Factor 50 for all those children in the Lions and Tigers. If you haven't yet signed a consent form please speak to Helen. For those children in the Nursery please apply suncream in the morning **before** coming to Pre-School.

Pre-School Clothing

If we send your child home in any of our spare Pre-School clothing could you please ensure it is returned as soon as possible. Thank you.

Clothing and Footwear Code

Please ensure that all items of clothing are named. We would like to remind you to dress your child for Pre-School in sensible footwear. We would also like to remind you that jewellery is **not permitted** which also includes **LOOM** band pieces.

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.

Lunchboxes

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 in half and that any stones have been removed. Please include a small ice pack with your child's lunch box as we have no way of refrigerating the boxes. **Please also remember to clearly mark the lunchbox with your child's name.**

Term Dates 2015

Term 5: Tues 21 Apr – Fri 22 May
Term 6: Tues 2 Jun – Thurs 23 July
Leavers Concert Friday 24 July (am)

Term Dates 2015/2016

Term 1: Mon 7 Sept – Fri 23 Oct
Term 2: Mon 2 Nov – Fri 18 Dec

Dates to Note

Nursery Class Bluebell Visit	Monday 11 May
The May Fair	Saturday 16 May
The Summer Ball	Saturday 6 June
Quiz Night	Friday 26 June

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Planning/Useful Information

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

Second Hand Pre-School Uniform Fundraiser

If you have any Pre-School uniform which is clean and in good condition which you no longer require please consider donating it to the Pre-School to sell on.

Thank you.

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.

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.



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.

Yellow Moon

We are registered with the craft company Yellow Moon www.yellowmoon.org.uk. By quoting Code SBR1892 when ordering the Pre-School will receive a small percentage of any sale.

School Link by the Scholastic Book Club

School Link is an exciting scheme brought to you by the Scholastic Book Club. Not only do they offer up to 85% off publishers' prices but you can also earn free books for the Pre-School. They are not a book club, you can order what you want, when you want with no further obligation. They offer first picture books and fiction, curriculum based learning and revision titles and the very best books for grown ups too. Please check out their website www.schoollink.co.uk and when ordering quote Brenchley Pre-School.

Shopping on-line

Please remember that Brenchley Pre-School has signed up with School Fundraising.com. For those of you who regularly shop on-line please go to our personalised website on www.schoolfundraising.org.uk/brenchley-Pre-school where you will not pay any more of your items but the Pre-School will benefit with a percentage of your total spend. Many top name brands and shops available, i.e., M & S, Next, etc.

Nametags4U

Brenchley Pre-School has been linked for several years with Nametag-it a company that provides nametags for children's clothing. They now supply School Packs at only £10.00 which includes 50 iron on labels, 50 stick on labels and a set of 12 clear label protectors. The Pre-School will receive funds for all purchases made via this route.