



April 2017 Newsletter

Easter Egg Hunt

We shall be holding an Easter Egg Hunt suitable for Pre-School and Primary School children on Saturday 1 April from 2.00 p.m. until 3.30 p.m. at Grays and the adjacent field. Tickets are £3.50 or £6 for two and can be purchased on the day. Come prepared with wellies and waterproofs if the weather is not so good.

Paddock Wood Half Marathon - Sunday 2 April

Jade Hollett-Digby and Charlotte and Richard Outten are taking part in this year's Paddock Wood Half Marathon. They are running on behalf of the Pre-School with the Outten's also giving 10% of their sponsorship to Coeliac UK. If you would like to sponsor Jade please use the following link <http://virginmoneygiving.com/charities/brenchleypreschool> if sponsoring the Outtens please use <http://virginmoneygiving.com/team/TheOuttens>

Sports Day & May Fayre - Saturday 13th May 2017

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.

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 driving Ben's old Peugeot 306 and will keep us updated with photos of Brenchley Bear in each of the 9 countries they make it to! They will be raising money for the Pre-School so please sponsor this gallant effort on the following link <http://virginmoneygiving.com/charities/brenchleypreschool>. We wish them all well including Mum who is due to give birth on the 1st July!

Pamper Package Raffle

Julie Humphreys, Nicholas' Mum was the lucky winner.

Glitz and Glamour Ball

For those parents who have indicated an interest in the Ball could we please have your table plans returned by 21st April. Thank you.

WE STILL NEED YOU TO BUY TICKETS for the Glitz and Glamour Ball on Saturday 10 June at The High Rocks, Tunbridge Wells. Tickets cost £55 each and include a drink and canapes on arrival, a three course meal and half a bottle of wine or soft drinks. Tickets can be purchased individually or if you can get together with a group of friends, tables seat 10. You can also pay for your tickets in two instalments if you prefer. Please let Shirley know of your interest as soon as possible.

Sponsored Tub Fill

Thank you we raised an amazing £957. Albie Clout in the Lions Class won the train track with 106 items and Sebby Hall in the Nursery won the train track with 47 items so well done to both boys.

Lions Class Projects

We hope you and your children have enjoyed learning all about lemurs. We are all very excited that we have some activity in our Cam Nesting Box. We would also like to thank you for returning your Carbon Footprint questionnaires which we are undertaking for Prof. John Siraj-Blatchford and Lynnette Brock as part of the project on sustainability. If you haven't yet returned your form please do so as soon as possible.

Sound of the Week (Lions)

We shall be focussing on only ONE letter from the alphabet per week so from the w/c 18 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.

Sainsbury's Active Kids 2017

We are collecting Active Kids Vouchers for 2017. A box has been placed in the foyer for your vouchers.

Book Bags

Please check and clear your child's book bag of all their drawings etc on a daily basis. The children take a lot of pride what they are doing and are keen that Mummy or Daddy see their work.

Recycling

As part of our Sustainability Project we are teaching the children about recycling. We would welcome any clean small cardboard boxes and comics/suitable magazines you may be throwing away as well as any unwanted material/ribbons. Thank you.

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.

Clothing and Footwear Code

Please ensure that all items of clothing including coats and shoes are named. We shall be going out into the garden every day so please ensure your child has a - jumper/coat to wear and that wellie boots should be clean and free of mud.

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

Please 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**.

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

Term Dates 2017

Term 4: **Tues 21 Feb** - Fri 31 Mar

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.

Dates to Note

Easter Egg Hunt	Sat 1 Apr
May Fayre/Sports Day	Sat 13 May
Glitz & Glamour Ball	Sat 10 June
Leavers Concert	Fri 21 July am