



March 2018 Newsletter

Kent Education Sustainable Citizenship Bronze Award

We have been chosen by KCC to pilot the above scheme and have been informed that due to our earlier sustainability projects, we are now half way to achieving an Award. I Can booklets have been sent home to those children in the Lions. These booklets are comprised of many differing tasks that the children and parents can become involved in together. Suggestions include supporting the child to care for an animal, visiting the post office or library to encourage the child's knowledge of how the local community works, talk to them about the importance of not wasting water, heating or electricity etc. Stickers and praise at Circle Time will be issued at the end of each task when the books are returned. If you have not yet returned your I Can book please find the time to encourage your child to participate in such a fun activity and to return your books 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 5 March the letter will be X and the following week will be Y 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.**

Parents Evenings - A Note for Your Diary

You should have all received an appointment time by now, if not please contact Shirley. We would like to remind you that Parents Evening appointments are for parents only.

NCT Baby Bundles

We are supporting the NCT to help local pregnant women and families who are unable to provide for their newborns. A box has been placed in the foyer for donations of toiletries, nappies etc., which will be passed on to the NCT for distribution. This can also raise the children's awareness that some people do not have things that we may take for granted.

Severe Weather Warnings

Prior to the start of the School day should it be necessary to close the Pre-School we will send a message via email and on Facebook. For safety, should we need to send the children home during the day we will contact you by mobile phone in order that you may collect your child. PLEASE keep your phones switched on and don't forget to notify us of any changes in mobile numbers.

Quiz Night

Due to severe weather conditions the Quiz Night scheduled for Friday 2 March has been postponed and will be rearranged over the coming weeks.

Sponsored Tub Fill

Please remember to return your filled tub, together with the sponsor form and money as soon as possible. Thank you.

Easter Egg Hunt

We shall be holding an Easter Egg Hunt on Saturday 24 March from 2.00 p.m. until 3.30 p.m. at Gray's Café and the adjoining field. Tickets are £3.50 each or £6.00 for two. All children are welcome.

Summer Fayre and Sports Day

The Summer Fayre is to be held on Saturday 12 May.

Coats and Wellies

We go out into the garden every day so please make sure your child comes to Pre-School in a suitable coat clearly marked with your child's name. Nursery Class Children Only: Please ensure your child brings in clean wellies for going out into the garden. Thank you.

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.

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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.

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.

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.

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:	To be rearranged
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 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)