



# May 2018 Newsletter

## 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 information will be given to all Nursery Class parents this week. Please keep the morning free as it's a lovely social event for both children and parents.

## Saturday 12 May

**Sports Day:** The children have already started practising for this year's sports day. The races will commence **promptly** at 11 a.m. so please don't be late. All children need to be dressed appropriately i.e. sensible footwear and clothes they are able to run in. Please **do not dress** your child in their Fancy Dress costumes until after the races have finished.

**May Fayre:** A list is on display in the foyer asking for volunteers to man the stalls/set up/clear away. We still need more of you to help even if you can spare only one hour. Cake plates are being sent out this week so please donate some homemade or shop bought cakes, scones, jams and chutneys etc. We still need bottles for the bottle tombola and quality toys for the toy stall. You should already have received your raffle tickets if not, or you would like more, please ask a member of staff. Raffle ticket stubs must be returned by 11 May. If you have any unused raffle tickets please return them to the Pre-School as soon as possible. We are also looking to borrow gazebos - so please can you tell us asap if you are able to assist with any of these.

There will be plenty to keep the children entertained and everyone happy. The Fancy Dress Parade will commence at 1.45 p.m. Please **do not dress** your child in their Fancy Dress costumes until after the races have finished.

Bring along your picnic rug and enjoy a burger or a hot dog with a Pimms hopefully in the sunshine. Remember all our fundraising proceeds are ploughed back into making the Pre-School a better place for the children.

\*Please note that dogs will NOT be permitted on the field.\*

## Quiz Night

Due to lack of interest the Quiz Night has been postponed to June. We do hope you are able to make this rescheduled event.

## Now That's What I call Brenchley Pre-School 2018

Pre-order forms are being sent out this week with the CD being available at the May Fayre.

## Parents Evenings - Note for your Calendar

Parents Evenings will be held on Monday 18 June and Tuesday 19 June.

## Sound of the Week (Lions)

We shall be focussing on only ONE letter from the alphabet per week so from the w/c 30 April the letter will be E and the following week will be F 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.**

## 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.

## 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, jelly shoes, 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.

## **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](http://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](http://twlotto.co.uk) and search for Brenchley Pre-School.

## **Dates to Note**

May Fayre & Sports Day:	Sat 12 May 2018
Parents Evening:	18 & 19 June 2018
Quiz Night:	TBA

## **Term Dates 2018**

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