



# September 2017 Newsletter

**Welcome** back and a big hello to all those children who have joined us. We hope you all had a good summer break.

## New Opening Times - September 2017

**Please don't forget our new opening times.**

### **Nursery Class**

Morning session 8.45 a.m until 11.45 a.m.

### **Lions Class**

Morning session 8.45 a.m until 11.45 a.m.

Lunch Club 11.45 a.m. until 12.45 p.m.

Afternoon session 12.45 p.m. until 3.45 p.m.

## 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.

## 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.

## 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.

## Sound of the Week (Lions)

We shall be focussing on only ONE letter from the alphabet per week so from the w/c 11 September the letter will be A and the following week will be B 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.**

## Planning/Useful Information

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

## 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Following FSA guidelines we will remove any out of date items that we find in your child's lunchbox as failure to do so could result in the Pre-School being liable for a hefty fine.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 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.

## Clothing and Footwear Code

**Please ensure that all items of clothing including 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.

Please also remember to send your child with a jumper/jacket as we shall be going out into the garden every day.

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### **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](http://twlotto.co.uk) will be donated to the Pre-School. A win win situation for all. Just log on to [twlotto.co.uk](http://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

### **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)