



January 2018 Newsletter

Happy New Year

We hope you all had a lovely Christmas and New Year and the staff would like to say a big thank you to all for the lovely pressies.

We would also like to thank you for your generosity for helping us raise a fantastic £1794 for the sale of Father Christmas letters, Calendars, Secrets, Raffle tickets, Playdough, Reindeer food etc. As you are aware all monies raised are ploughed back into the Pre-School for essential resources.

Severe Weather

Please check the Pre-School Website (www.brenchleypreschool.co.uk)/Facebook page for up to date information on possible closures in the event of bad weather. We will also email you.

*****Coats*****

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.

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Following FSA guidelines, we will remove any out of date items that we find in your child's lunchbox.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.

Incident on the Private Road

Due to a recent motoring incident and having experienced some very fast delivery lorries using the private road, we would ask that parents/carers take extra care when walking your children up to the Pre-School.

Sound of the Week (Lions)

We shall be focussing on only ONE letter from the alphabet per week so from the w/c 8 January the letter will be P and the following week will be Q 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.

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.

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.

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 will be donated to the Pre-School. A win win situation for all. Just log on to twlotto.co.uk and search for Brenchley Pre-School.

Dates to Note

May Fayre & Sports Day - Sat 12 May 2018

Term Dates 2018

Term 3: Thurs 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)