



January 2017 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 £1937 for the sale of Father Christmas letters, Calendars, Secrets, Raffle tickets, Playdough, Chutney etc. As you are aware all monies raised are ploughed back into the Pre-School for essential resources.

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.

Sound of the Week (Lions)

We shall be focussing on only ONE letter from the alphabet per week so from the w/c 9 January the letter will be P and the following week 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.

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.

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Following FSA guidelines we will remove any out of date items that we find in your child's lunchbox as failure to do so could result in the Pre-School being liable for a hefty fine.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

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.

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.

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 3: Thurs 5 Jan - **Thurs 9 Feb**

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

Term 5: Tues 18 Apr - Fri 26 May

Term 6: Mon 5 Jun - Thurs 20 July

Dates to Note

Leavers Concert

Fri 21 July am only

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