



February 2018 Newsletter

Medication

If your child is taking **ANY** medication, prescribed or otherwise, or using an asthma inhaler, it is extremely important that you notify your keyperson immediately. In situations where it may be necessary to call in the emergency services, we will be asked what medication the child is taking so it is imperative that we be given this information.

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. To help us achieve the Bronze Award we shall be sending home "I Can" booklets to children in the Lions Class. These booklets contain tasks such as going to the post office, sharing stories, recognising healthy eating etc., which can be completed at home by the children alongside their parents. Stickers and praise at Circle Time will be issued at the end of each task when the books are returned. Further schemes can then lead to Silver and Gold Awards. We do hope that you will be able to find the time to encourage your child to participate in such a fun activity.

Sound of the Week (Lions)

We shall be focussing on only ONE letter from the alphabet per week so from the w/c 5 February the letter will be T and the following week will be U 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

Wednesday 14th March and Thursday 15th March

Office Desk Wanted

Having a clear out? If anyone has a smallish desk (approx. 100cm x 80cm) they would like to get rid of then please let us know..

Sponsored Tub Fill

We are organising a Sponsored Tub Fill for the children to participate in over half-term. Each child will be given a colour coded Tub for them, with your help, to fill with tangible objects (i.e., not pictures or photos) of the specific colour on your tub. The aim is to fill the tub so please do not send your items in a plastic bag, box etc. You will shortly receive your Tub and Sponsor Form and we suggest that you ask family and friends to sponsor your child either per item or for a full tub. All items used to fill the tub will be returned. The child in each class with the most items in their tub will win a prize. We hope both you and your child enjoy looking for lots of different items over the half-term.

Quiz Night

We shall be holding a Quiz Night at Grays Cafe on Friday 2 March at 7.30 p.m. Tickets are £5 each. Feel free to bring your own drinks and nibbles. There will also be a raffle during the evening.

Easter Egg Hunt

We shall be holding an Easter Egg Hunt on Saturday 24 March. Please look out for more information in the March Newsletter.

Summer Fayre and Sports Day

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

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 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.

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:	Fri 2 Mar
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 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)

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