



December 2016 Newsletter

Wellie Throw

Thank you for your generosity, we raised a fantastic £795. Benjamin Edler from the Nursery Class and Hayden Billings from the Lions Class threw the Wellie the furthest and have both received a shiny new pair of wellies.

Sickness

We would like to advise parents, especially pregnant Mums, that we have a case of Chicken Pox at the Pre-School. Many of our children have been poorly suffering from bad colds/coughs and croup too. In order to prevent the spread of these infections it would be appreciated if siblings who themselves are ill are not brought into the Pre-School. We understand that this may be difficult but if they could wait outside it would be greatly appreciated.

Lions Christmas Nativity - Friday 9 December

This year's Nativity will take place at All Saints Church, Brenchley. Children should be brought to the Church **dressed in their costumes ready to start at 9.15 a.m.** Please do not bring your child too early as they can become very unsettled and ensure your child has warm clothing on under their costume as they may be sitting on the stone floor. Please be forewarned that as so many families will be attending, parking and seating at the Church is limited. The service usually lasts about 1 hr.

Please **do not** park immediately in front of the Church, Broad Oak may be an easier option.

Raffle tickets and programmes will be available so please bring some small change.

Please note there will be NO Nursery Class or Lions Class sessions on Friday 9 December.

Lions Visit to Grays - December

Following on from last year's successful visit, the children in the Lions Class have been invited to sing for the elders of the community at Grays on Monday 12 December at 10.30 a.m.

Calendars 2017

Have you remembered to order your Calendars?

Outstanding Fees

Any outstanding fees must be settled by 5th December.

The Secret Christmas Gift Shop

During the week commencing 12 December the Committee will be running The Secret Christmas Gift Shop. During their session, your child will be invited into the Gift Shop and be able to choose up to two gifts for members of their family. We would ask that you send in a minimum of £2 for each gift. Thank you.

Brenchley & Matfield Primary School Nativity

The children who attend the Thursday morning Lions session have been invited to attend the Brenchley & Matfield Reception Nativity on Tuesday 13 December.

Christmas Party - Tuesday 20 December:

This will be held in the Brenchley Memorial Hall from 9.00 a.m. until 11.00 a.m. for **all children** regardless of whether you attend on a Tuesday morning. The children will not be getting "messy" so party clothes may be worn. Due to the large number of children attending, could you please leave your child's Red Bag at home. However, if your child requires nappies and wipes please provide these in a clearly named carrier bag. We would also ask that parents take their child's jackets/coats away with them. When parking we would remind you to do so sensibly and limit your time as congestion may be an issue.

Due to DBS (CRB) requirements unfortunately NO parents will be allowed to stay with their child.

PLEASE NOTE THERE WILL BE NO AFTERNOON SESSION ON 20/12/16

Christmas Post Box

The red Post Box is now in the foyer for your child to post their Christmas Cards to their Pre-School friends.

Reindeer Food

We are selling Reindeer food for £2.50 a bag with all proceeds going towards the Children's Christmas Party.

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Christmas Raffle – 20 December

Please let us know if you need more tickets. This year we have some wonderful adult prizes, i.e., Festive Hampers, Kalamora Spa goodies, Tickets for Snow White etc. The draw will take place between 10.30 and 10.45 a.m. in Grays just prior to you picking your child up from Christmas Party at 11.00 a.m.

Sound of the Week (Lions)

We shall be focussing on only ONE letter from the alphabet per week so from the w/c 5 December the letter will be J and the following week K 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.

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.

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.

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.

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**.

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.

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.

Term Dates 2016/2017

Term 1: Tues 6 Sept – **Thurs 20 Oct**

Term 2: Mon 31 Oct – Tues 20 Dec

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

Lions Nativity Fri 9 Dec 9.15 a.m.

(Please note there will be no Nursery Class nor Lions pm session today)

Christmas Party Tues 20 Dec 9.00 a.m.

(Please note there will be no Lions pm session)

Leavers Concert Fri 21 July 9.15 a.m.

(Please note there will be no Lions pm session)

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Pre-School Clothing

If we send your child home in any of our spare Pre-School clothing please could you ensure it is returned as soon as possible. Thank you.

Second Hand Pre-School Uniform Fundraiser

If you have any Pre-School uniform which is clean and in good condition which you no longer require please consider donating it to the Pre-School to sell on. Thank you.

Nappies and Wipes

If your child is in nappies could we please ask that you remember to put wipes in their book bag as well as the nappies. Thank you.

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.

Kent Children and Families Information Service

Kent CFIS provides support and advice on help with childcare and costs. An Early Education fact sheet is available on the Kent County Council Website Kentcfis@kent.gov.uk.

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.

Nametags4U

Brenchley Pre-School has been linked for several years with www.nametags4u.co.uk. When ordering online use the promotion code BRENCH5 and you will receive a 5% parent discount. Another 15% will be donated to the Pre-School.

Yellow Moon

We are registered with the raft company Yellow Moon www.yellowmoon.org.uk. By quoting Code SBR1892 when ordering the Pre-School will receive a small percentage of any sale.

School Link by the Scholastic Book Club

School Link is an exciting scheme brought to you by the Scholastic Book Club. Not only do they offer up to 85% off publishers' prices but you can also earn free books for the Pre-School. They are not a book club, you can order what you want, when you want with no further obligation. They offer first picture books and fiction, curriculum based learning and revision titles and the very best books for grown ups too. Please check out their website www.schoollink.co.uk and when ordering quote Brenchley Pre-School.

Shopping on-line

Please remember that Brenchley Pre-School has signed up with School Fundraising.com. For those of you who regularly shop on-line please go to our personalised website on www.schoolfundraising.org.uk/brenchley-Pre-school where you will not pay any more of your items but the Pre-School will benefit with a percentage of your total spend. Many top name brands and shops available, i.e., M & S, Next, etc.