



Registered Charity Number (1023883)

## April Newsletter 2016

We hope you have all had a lovely Easter break and a big welcome to all our new little ones, we hope you are looking forward to your time at Pre-School! The weather is looking glorious and so we must remind you to please ensure your children have sun cream applied before they come in to Pre-School. Bring on the summer!

Please note September sessions will be confirmed shortly for those of you staying on and we will then be contacting our new little ones from our Waiting List. Charlie

### Photos 21st April 0915 – Leavers Photos

Our Leavers photos will be taken on the 21st April. These photos are of all the leaving children and taken all together so if you would like a lovely keepsake of your child's Pre-School experience please do come along! The photos should be ready about four weeks later.

### Fundraising Team

A big thank you to our Fundraising team and all their efforts for Mother's Day and Easter. Thank you in particular to Leah and Carey! We hope you all enjoyed your lovely presents and that the little ones enjoyed their Easter Egg Hunts and their prizes!

### Wrest Park – 6<sup>th</sup> July

We are planning a trip to Wrest Park!

On Wednesday 6<sup>th</sup> July we will be taking all of the children by coach to Wrest Park for the day! We will be leaving at approximately 09.30 and returning just after lunch. Unfortunately we will not be able to do the visit without Parent Helpers so we hope lots of you will be able to help!

We will be sending out letters with permission slips shortly.

**Pre-School will be closed for normal sessions on this date.**

### Summer Planting

Once all of our beautiful daffodils have gone from our containers we will start sowing the seeds for all of our summer fruit and veg.

We have cucumbers, peas, beans, beetroot and courgettes planned so far and look forward to all the wonderful home grown snacks we can produce for the children.

If you are able to help please do let us know!

### Transition to Lower School

This term is very exciting for our older children as they will be going to Ramsey Manor Lower School to play in the Rainbows playground! Please do ensure your children are here on time so they can have as much time there as possible to help with the transition to Big School! They will also have uniforms from local lower schools to dress up in within our role play area.

### Father's Fun Day – Sat 18 June 10.30-1pm

After the success of last year we are planning another Fathers Fun Day for Saturday 18<sup>th</sup> June. There will be a bouncy castle, hot food, yummy cakes, and lots of fun for all the daddies, grandads and everyone else, so save the date!

We would be grateful of any donations to our raffle too! Thank you!

### Term Dates

Mon 2<sup>nd</sup> May – Bank Holiday  
– Pre-School Closed.

30<sup>th</sup> May – 3<sup>rd</sup> June – Half  
Term – Pre-School Closed.

We break up for summer on  
Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> July 2016 and  
return on Tuesday 6<sup>th</sup>  
September.



### Reflecting on Quality

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Barton-le-Clay Pre-school

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## Values

At pre-school we work very closely with Ramsey Manor Lower School. 'Values Education' has been successfully adopted by Ramsey and we believe to support our commitment to creating a calm and positive environment and important continuity for you and your child, our pre-school will also use Values Education to support your child's personal development.

### What is Values Education?

Values Education is a way of supporting children's first steps in becoming a member of the community. Using six basic values that are simple for young children to understand and are reflected in the pre-school ethos, Staff will use language, resources, books and displays that will reflect a different value each term.

**Our current Value is Understanding and Co-operation**



### Sun Cream

Please can you ensure your child has an 8 hour sun cream applied **before** coming to Pre-School. Some fairer skinned children can burn even in the milder weather.

The children love the activities outside and we want to make sure they are protected at all times. Thank you

### Toilet training tips

With some of the older children moving up to big school in September now may be a good time to start toilet training your child if they are not already. There is lots of helpful advice available on the internet and we have found one site in particular that may be of use to you. Please use the link below if you would like some helpful hints;

[http://raisingchildren.net.au/articles/toilet\\_training.html](http://raisingchildren.net.au/articles/toilet_training.html)

### Congratulations to Kathy!

We would like to congratulate Kathy on completion of her NVQ Level 3. Well done

### Lunchbox reminder

Thank you all for your co-operation with our healthy eating policy in providing the children with healthy lunchboxes.

Please can we remind you to cut the children's grapes/strawberries/fruit/veg etc **lengthways** if you are putting them in their lunch boxes.

### POLICIES AND COMPLAINTS

Barton-le-Clay Pre School has a very comprehensive set of policies that govern how we run the Pre School. These are regularly checked and updated where necessary. Unfortunately we do not have the space to display the complete policy folder, a small selection of policies can be found on our Notice Board in the 'Our Space' foyer. You are very welcome to request to see the complete folder and read through the policies at any time, please request this from a member of staff. Equally should there be any element of Pre School that you are unhappy with we would urge you to speak to a member of staff or committee. All of the committee's contact details are on the notice board in the foyer. We also have a suggestion box in the foyer that you may like to use. We value all kinds of feedback. Thank you.



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