



Registered Charity Number (1023883)

July Newsletter 2016

The holidays are nearly here! We hope you all have some really lovely fun activities planned for the upcoming break. Our Fundraising team have been busy bees organising the Fathers Fun Day, Wrest Park and the Leavers Luau. Thank you everyone who helped at these events, we hope you enjoyed them as much as we did.

Children's Profiles will be going out this week for those little ones that are leaving us, we hope you really enjoy this keepsake and enjoy looking back on their time at Pre-School. We wish all our Leavers the best in their big schools and look forward to welcoming all the new little ones in September.

Summer Watering

Are any of our lovely parents able to water our little nature garden in the summer holidays please?

You don't need to do all of the six weeks but if you can do some of them that would be fabulous please.

Please let us know if you can help.

Summer Toy Cleaning

Are you able to take a bag of toys for cleaning?

They just need to be run through a dishwasher or put in the bath with Milton.

It's much easier if we all take a bag each! Thank you!

Pre- Loved Uniform

If you have any unwanted Pre-School uniform we would love to make use of it on our Pre-Loved rail.

Thank you!

Forest School Fun

We've had such a lovely term at Forest School so far. The RSPB have visited us a couple of times giving some lovely talks and coming with us to Lively Land.

We have been out of Pre-School to visit the local farmer's field and spoke about what the farmers grow and how the wheat turns in to Weetabix. We have been to the small bridge to collect tadpoles using our nets then watched them grow in to little frogs back at pre-school. We have been planting in the nature garden and had fun watching the snail's race on rainy days.

We really have had so much fun, with and without the sunshine!



Reflecting on Quality
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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 Sharing and Caring.

Tooth Decay – Under 5's

If you would like any information on how to help prevent tooth decay please use the following link. We have been passed the information from the Pre-School Learning Alliance and thought it may be of interest;

www.infantandtoddlerforum.org/toddlers-to-preschool/common-nutritional-problems-in-toddlers/preventing-tooth-decay

Term Dates

Last day of term Friday 22nd July

Return to Pre-School Tuesday 6th September

Half term Break up Friday 21st October and return Tuesday 1st November

Lunch Boxes – Portion Sizes

If you would like any information on recommended portion sizes for your child please use the following link; www.nutrition.org.uk/healthyliving/toddlers

Sickness and Diarrhoea

Children are not permitted to return to pre-school until **48 hours after their last episode**. This will minimise the risk of infection to the other children

Help us Expand and Sponsor a Brick!

We have been offered a fantastic opportunity to expand our Pre-School just next door and with the governments promise of 30 funded hours from September 2017 we have to expand or lose half of our children as we simply do not have the space to accommodate them!

Some of you may already be aware of our fundraising efforts and our Sponsor a Brick campaign but for those of you that are not we need to raise approximately £100,000 which is an astronomical amount, however we believe we can do it, together!

We are looking to parents and local businesses to help secure our children's future and so we are asking if you would like to "Sponsor a Brick" in our new building. We will be making a lovely path from our old building to the new one and hopefully a lovely exterior wall as well out of lots of personalised bricks so please do let us know if you would like more information!

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.