



March 2022

Newsletter

What we have been doing

The children made some fantastic Mothers days cards and posed for the camera to make beautiful photos to go into the keyrings. We hope you liked the gifts.

At the beginning of March we had world book day and it was great to see some of the different costumes that your children came to pre-school in.

We had the 1 week of fantastic weather and the children loved going outside.

If you have any questions please do not hesitate to ask a member of staff.



DIARY DATES



- End of Spring term – Friday 8th April @ 1 pm – Friday 22nd April 2022
- Start of Summer term – Monday 25th April 2022
- May day Monday 2nd May 2022
- May half term Monday 30th May – Friday 3rd June 2022
- End of Summer Term – Friday 22nd July 2022 @ 1pm
- Start of Autumn Term - TBC

For further term dates please refer to the [Burghclere Pre-School Website](#)

Safeguarding

Child protection plays a major part in Early years, there is some fantastic videos on you tube that you can watch with your child, explaining about who sees what, who we can trust etc.

Have a look at Talk PANTS with Pantosaurus and his PANTS song #TalkPANTS from the NSPCC.



FUNDRAISING EVENTS & UPDATES



Amazon Smile

I expect lots of you are now using on line sites for your shopping like myself, if like me you are using Amazon more do you know you can change this to Amazon smile and get the same benefits as you do now, the added bonus is that you can add the pre-school on to receive a percentage of your spending. Please have a go and swap over with us as your chosen charity.

Please share this with you friends and families.

Download or **update** to the latest version of the **Amazon** Shopping app on your phone. You can find it in the App Store for iOS or Google Play for Android. Open the app and find 'Settings' in the main menu (☰). Tap on '**Amazon Smile**' and follow the on-screen instructions to turn on **Amazon Smile** on your phone.

If you have any ideas that you think would make a good fundraiser please drop me an email no idea is silly.

In the summer term we will be doing a sponsored walk and bug hunt.

We are hoping to have Darren Higgins back again in June/July time.

GENERAL INFORMATION

Treasurer

We are looking for someone to take over the role of **Treasurer**, this is one of our must have roles to keep the pre-school going. Please remember the pre-school runs by a committee and this is your child's education, without a committee we would not be able to open. Someone needs to step forward and take the role on.

If you would like more information about the committee roles and what you need to do please let me know.

Survey Monkey

We sent a link out for this survey monkey a few weeks ago, I am sorry for any confusion and to anyone that did not get to complete it, there will be another one at the end of the summer term, but please do not wait until then if you think we can improve on anything we are always open to ideas.

I had 10 responses and evaluating from these we could improve on:

. The tapestry uploads and ensuring that you are all aware that your child has a report done every term, through covid we did not have any parents meetings face to face this has now been rectified and they will be at the end of every term. If you have any concerns please do not wait until then we are always here to support you and your children.

. There was a point raised ref some of the staff being more approachable than others, we all try to ensure that you feel comfortable to talk to each one of us and if you ever feel that you cannot please let us know and we will rectify that.

. There was a point raised about the snack that the children have daily, at the beginning of each term we aim to send you the snack list for that term for you to see what you are paying your half termly £8.00 snack fee towards. If your child is trying food for the first time we will aim to make sure that you know of this milestone.

Please approach us if you have any questions or concerns as we are always happy to listen and take on board your ideas.

Staff News

Juliann has attended a 6 month online Nassen Sen level 3 award. This is a fantastic achievement for Juliann and her knowledge will ensure that the pre-school are up to date and putting all Special Educational Needs into place for the children that need the extra support.

We have recruited a member of staff to start on Monday 25th April. She will be supporting our children with Sen Needs and working as a pre-school practioner as and when needed. Her name is Joanne Wright and she has tons of experience with Sen Children. She will be with us on a temporary contract for now.

Lunch Boxes

Do you know that you can wash your child's material lunch box in the washing machine, doing this will ensure that their lunch boxes are clean and fresh for the next week.

Allergies

We have children at the setting with **severe NUT and EGG allergies**, please DO NOT put anything with either of these into your child's lunch boxes. Having either of these can cause a life threatening illness. E.G **Chocolate spread, certain cereal bars.**

ALL GRAPES AND MINI COCKTAIL SAUSAGES MUST BE CUT LONG WAYS IN HALF.

School sweatshirts and t-shirts

We have a lovely selection of pre-school sweatshirts and t-shirts. The sizes are 3-4 & 5 -6, the sweatshirts are £9.00 and the t-shirts are £6.50. This is a fantastic way of protecting your child's favourite clothes, we do have messy play and at some point they may get paint, mud etc on their clothes.

Have a lovely Easter Break

Hayley, Clare, Juliann, Lesley and Melissa