

### New Key Pad

We have fitted a new key pad lock to our main entrance to strengthen our existing security procedures. We would like to thank you for your understanding and patience as we all become accustomed to this new system. The key pad does not change our open-door philosophy and you are still very welcome to drop in whenever you wish.

When we need to change the access code those of you who have supplied your email address will automatically be emailed the new code. Those who prefer not to be contacted via email will be given notice of the new code in writing.

We encourage free-flow play for the children and when staff are outside, the entrance is kept open and the children are able to move freely between the inside and outside spaces. As you will have undoubtedly seen on the doors, we use red-stop and green-go signs to visually show the children when they can go outside. They have become familiar with this system and like to help staff change the signs before going out to play and when they come in for circle time and lunch.

### A Busy Spring Term - Policemen and Peas!

What do a policeman, doctor, nurse and lollipop lady have in common? Well, they all visited Pre-School last term to talk to the children about what they do. The children were interested in finding out about people who help us and our visitors enhanced the children's learning and understanding.

The children's interest in doctors was supported by a transformation of our home corner into a doctor's surgery, complete with waiting room. The children particularly enjoyed learning about bones with our skeleton and enjoyed offering each other pretend medicine for their broken skulls.

Outside, the children were busy playing on and exploring our fantastic new equipment, as well as planting out seeds in our vegetable garden. We are all looking forward to eating the peas, potatoes, carrots and tomatoes they have sown at our snack bar in the coming months.

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### Thank You to...

**The parents and families** who attended our open evening last term. We thought it went really well and it was great to see so many Fathers. But, what did you think? Please let us know.

**The parent visitors** who came in to talk to us about their work last term. The children are always inspired by such visits.

**The Vale of Belvoir Lions** for their kind donation of a new water trough.

**Tarmac** for their generous donation of high-visibility jackets for the children to wear on outings.

### Sharing Progress

In early July, you will receive a Sharing Progress Report for your child giving you an overview of their progress and how we plan to support their learning and development in the coming months. Please feel free to add your comments and return it to us and we can add it to your child's Learning Journey.

## What's this got to do with me?

The Annual General Meeting (AGM) of the Pre-School Committee is being held at 7.30pm on Tuesday 18<sup>th</sup> May at the Pre-School and everyone is welcome to attend. "What's this got to do with me?" I can hear you all saying. Well, it may not be the most interesting way to spend an evening but it is vital to the running of Pre-School. What's more, as well as adopting the accounts, hearing the reports from the Bursar, Supervisor and Secretary, it is also the time of year when new Committee members are elected, and this is where you come in. Without the support of parents the Pre-School cannot run.

Volunteering to be a trustee of your child's pre-school is a great way to put something back in to the community and allows you to become practically involved in the learning and development of your child. You will also have a chance to meet other parents, learn new skills and update existing ones - all of which have long term benefits when applying for jobs or undertaking further training.

If you are interested (and we really hope you are) please let Kim or Lucinda know, contact any of the current committee members or email [committee@bottesfordpreschool.org.uk](mailto:committee@bottesfordpreschool.org.uk).

*Luci Ryan, Chair of Bottesford Pre-School Committee*

## Policies and Procedures: Sun Cream

In anticipation of the summer (and some sunny days!), here is a summary of our sun cream procedures for keeping children safe in the sun as per our Sun Cream policy.

- Please apply sun cream to your child **before** they come to Pre-School for their morning or afternoon session.
- Children staying all day will have Pre-School sun cream reapplied at lunch time. We use Nivea Children's Sun Lotion SPF 40 unless you request your child has their own sun cream.
- If your child requires their own sun cream please bring in a bottle, clearly labelled with your child's name, and give it to your child's key person or another member of staff. We ask that no bottles of sun cream are brought in and left in children's bags as they present a health risk to other children with allergies.

We ensure that all the children wear sun hats when playing outside on sunny days and we have a large stock of sun hats in case they forget their own. Please help us to make sure your child brings home their own sun hat by labelling it clearly with their name.

**Holidays...** If you are going away on holiday, or if your child is unable to attend one of their sessions due to illness or an appointment, please let us know in advance so that we can complete an absence form for you to sign. Thank you.

## Dates for your diary



### Bottesford Pre-School Stall at the May Day Gala

**Monday 3rd May 11-4**

We will have refreshments, a children's tombola and lots of craft activities. Please come along and support us.

### Pre-School AGM

**Tuesday 18th May 7.30 start**

Everyone is welcome to attend our AGM where a new committee will be elected.

### Scarecrow Weekend

**Saturday 12th June 10-2**

Stop off at Pre-School for refreshments as you hunt for scarecrows around the village. Cake donations gladly received at Pre-School on Friday 11th.

### Pre-School Fun Day

**Friday 25th June 3.30-6**

Join us for our annual fun day in Pre-School's garden. BBQ, cakes, games and stalls, plus a bouncy castle!

### Sundown Outing

**Monday 12th July 11-5**

Our annual outing for children going to school in September. Usual sessions will not run as Pre-School will be closed.

### Open Morning

**Tuesday 13th July 10-12**

An opportunity for new and existing parents to look round and chat to staff and committee members.

### End of Summer Term

**Friday 16th July**

### Start of Autumn Term

**Monday 6th September**