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Bampton Pre-School News

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Easter

As usual our Easter preparations started early with all the children cre-



ating various crafts and painting Easter pictures. The celebrations culminated in our annual Easter Bonnet Parade and Egg Hunt. Everyone made a fantastic effort with their bonnets leaving our 2 judges with a very diffi-

cult decision! Congratulations to our 3 winners: Amie Strode-Grubb (1st), William Broderick (2nd) and Keira Gilbert (3rd).

The Garden

We have big plans afoot for the Pre-School Garden and hope that it will soon be transformed into a vibrant, fun and educational space. We are extremely grateful to the committee of Bampton Community Shop for a very generous donation towards the costs of this. We are also delighted with the plans that Bampton-based designer, Di Bray has created and are all really looking forward to the Summer Holidays when we can get stuck in. As ever, projects like this need lots of willing volunteers to help, if you feel you can spare a couple of hours in August, please let us know!

Fundraising

Thanks to everyone in the village who bought ducks for our Annual Duck Race and those hardy members of the public who came along to support us on a very wet Whitsun!! We raised £160 for the Pre-School funds which will be put towards new equipment.

Vacant Places

We have a number of places still available for September entry, we take children from the age of 2½ and are open Monday, Tuesday, & Thursday 9 – 3 and Wednesday and Friday 9 – 12. We are also offering a lunch club at the cost of £2.50 per child. If you would like more information please

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Upcoming Events

We are all looking forward to our Summer Events, namely a trip to Farmer Gow's and our Sports Day (mums and dads, get in training now!).

In particular we are very excited about our inaugural Graduation Day on June 18th, hopefully a fitting send-off for the Pre-Schoolers heading off to Reception Class in September (tissues will be on hand for all staff members!)