

Benger Bears Pre-school

Term 1 News Letter (September 2017)

A big welcome back to everyone we hope you all had a really great summer break and were able to do lots of exciting things with your children. This term we welcome 7 new children into the pre-school Lilia, Letty, Rosie, Arlo, Evelyn, Darcey and Emily. We hope that you will all enjoy the beginning of your learning journey with Benger Bears.

All about me This is the theme we will be exploring over the next term, we will be looking at our families, exploring how we are all different e.g height, eye colour, hair colour etc. and also what we like/dislike, our favourite food and toys etc. For the first 2 weeks we will be looking at families please can your child bring in photos of their family etc. We would also like your child to bring in a photo of when they were a baby and one of them now as we will be talking about how we grow from a baby. We will also be drawing pictures of ourselves and our family, making wooden spoon selfies and also doing lots of other exciting crafts and activities. We will also be talking about our senses and how we use them by smelling and tasting new things etc.

We will also be looking at Autumn as we have already begun looking at Seasons when the year started so will be out on the Rec having autumn walks looking for conkers, picking Blackberries and making autumn collages.

Outdoor Explorers This will be starting again this term Polar Bear Children who come on a Friday will be having 2 visits to Bences wood behind the Wellesley the dates for these are Friday 13th October and Friday 24th November. We need volunteers to come and help with these visits please we leave the hall about 9:15ish and return between 11:30-11:45am. If you can help please can you speak to Ness. We will also be doing different activities out on the rec or with our allotment during Benger Bear sessions.

Didi dance/Kickabout Both these activities will be running monthly on a Monday morning from now until Christmas when did dance will probably move to a Thursday morning. Here are the dates until Christmas **Didi dance** 18th September, 9th October, 13th November, 11th December **Kickabout** 25th September, 16th October, 20th November.

Communication Board At the end of every session am and pm there will be board in the foyer or outside saying what we have been doing during the day. This is for you to talk about with your child and gain an insight into how their day has been.

Keyworkers Some of the younger children who were with us last term have been allocated a new keyworker, if this is your child we should have spoken to you about it and introduced you to your child's new key worker. Also we will be up dating our keyworker photo board out in the foyer over the next few weeks so you can see who your child's keyworker is too. We have an open door policy at pre-school so if you have any issues you would like to discuss please either speak to me or to your Child's keyworker as we are always happy to help.

Housekeeping At the moment the weather is a bit changeable so please if it is sunny can you make sure there is some suncream and a sunhat in your child's bag. There will be a list by the signing on sheet each day for you to sign asking if you have applied suncream to your child first thing in the morning and giving us to permission to reapply the suncream if they are staying all day. Please can you make sure that your child has suncream on before they come into the setting at 9am. Also please can your child **bring a pair of wellies each day** as we will be going outside everyday and as

Autumn and Winter approaches the rec will be wet. Also please you make sure that all your child's lunch items are labelled to save confusion especially when they are taken into the other room for you to collect at the end of the day. If your child has grapes or small tomatoes in their lunch box please can you ensure that they are cut from top to bottom lengthways as this is in line with national guidance as there have been some choking incidents.

Pre-existing injuries If you're child has a bruise or mark on them before they come into the setting then you will need to fill in a pre-existing injuries form this has been brought in by Early years and is a requirement for us to have them filled in for safeguarding.

Congratulations We would like to pass on our congratulations and best wishes to 2 families who have had new arrivals recently. Firstly to Rachael Elliott who was our able volunteer last year on the birth of Thomas and also to Liz (Ursula's) mum on the birth of Stanley. We wish them well as they come together as new families.

Term Dates

Finish for half term Tuesday 17th October 2017

Term 2 starts Monday 30th October

Committee Dates for your Diaries.

Committee Meeting - 12th September

Parents social - Friday, 22nd September, 8pm The Bell everyone welcome

AGM - Tuesday 3rd October, Village Hall, all welcome

Committee Meeting - Tuesday 17th October

Committee Meeting - Tuesday 28th November

Christmas social – TBC

Advance dates

Friday December 15th Please note as an advanced date for your diaries we will be doing our **nativity play on this day** probably in the morning. We will then carry on with the Polar Bears session as normal. It is likely we will have our Christmas Party and visit from Father Christmas on the last day of term 2 which is Tuesday 19th December but more details about these will be sent out nearer the time.

Kind Regards

Ness. Julie, Tina and Kristy
