

# Benger Bears Pre-school

## Term 1 News Letter (September 2018)

A big welcome back to everyone, we hope you all had a really great summer break and were able to enjoy the lovely sunshine and do lots of exciting things with your children. This term we welcome 14 new children into the pre-school :- Alex, Alice, Bibi, Cameron, Deleisha, George, Gilbey, Harry, Henry, Jacob, Max, Maya, Milly and Rosie. We hope that you will all enjoy the beginning of your learning journey with Benger Bears.

This term we will be looking at Autumn as we continue our look at all the seasons of the year we have been out and about on the Rec having autumn walks looking for conkers, acorns and Blackberries and making autumn collages.

**Harvest** We will again be collecting tins and dried goods to take across to the Church to go with their harvest collection. A box will be out in the reception area of the hall from Monday 24<sup>th</sup> September all donations welcome.

**Didi dance/Kickabout** Both these activities will be running monthly on a Monday morning from now until Christmas. Here are the dates until Christmas **Didi dance** 24<sup>th</sup> September, 15<sup>th</sup> October, 19<sup>th</sup> November, **Kickabout** 8<sup>th</sup> October and 26<sup>th</sup> November 2018

**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** 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. **Lunchboxes** Please can you provide a healthy balanced lunchbox for your child and remember we are a nut free setting. We encourage the children to eat savoury items before their sweet items. If they have a yoghurt then they will require a spoon for this. Also please can 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.

**Charity Christmas Cards** The children have been busy doing a template for their charity Christmas card to help raise money for the pre-school. Their designs and order forms will be available in October.

**Easy fundraising** We've registered with easyfundraising and we need your help! easyfundraising is a great website where you can help Benger Bears Pre-School Sutton Benger raise funds simply by doing your everyday online shopping with over 3,300 big name retailers like Amazon, Argos, John Lewis, ASOS, Booking.com, eBay, Boden, and M&S.

Every time you shop, we receive a small donation to say 'thank you' and it's completely free too! We want raise as much as possible so please sign up and help us at <https://www.easyfundraising.org.uk/causes/bengerbearspre/>

**AGM - Tuesday 2nd October at 8pm in the Village Hall, all welcome-** There will be a letter about this in your child's slot from Thursday 20<sup>th</sup> September from our chair person Leanne. Please come along and support us.

#### **Term Dates**

**Finish for half term Tuesday 23rd October 2018**

**Term 2 starts Monday 4<sup>th</sup> November 2018**

#### **Advance dates**

**Thursday 20<sup>th</sup> December** 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 have our Christmas Party and visit from Father Christmas more details about these will be sent out nearer the time.

#### **Contact us**

If your child is unable to attend a session for whatever reason then please can you ring and let us know on 0779189683. If we don't hear from you then you will receive a text from us as we have a requirement to know where your child is.

Kind Regards

**Ness. Julie, Tina Rachael and Cora**

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