

## Benger Bears Pre-school

### Term 1 News Letter (September 2019)

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 11 new children into the pre-school :- Ada, Alexander Connie, Erin, Florence, Kitty, Mia, Niamh, Oliver, Rex, Thomas, We hope that you will all enjoy the beginning of your learning journey with Benger Bears.

This term we will be looking at Space as well as Autumn, we have been learning about the moon and stars so far but will also have activities for the planets and aliens this term. For Autumn we have been out and about on the Rec having autumn walks looking for conkers, acorns and Blackberries. .

**Create, Move, Dance** led by Georgie will again be happening fortnightly on a Tuesday starting on September 17<sup>th</sup> and then the following dates, 1<sup>st</sup> and 15<sup>th</sup> October. For Polar Bears we will be having **2 forest schools sessions** led by Pauline Lovering our first one on September 20<sup>th</sup> went really well and the children had a lovely time exploring outside the next one will be on Friday October 4<sup>th</sup>.

**Yearly Calendar.** We are in the process of putting together a yearly calendar of dates from now until we break up next summer., this will include all regular dates and activities such as Nativity etc. other dates and activities that get planned over the year will be put into newsletters or emailed out in the weekly emails.

**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 in sheet each day for you to sign asking if you have applied suncream to your child first thing in the morning and giving us 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. **If your child has grapes, small tomatoes or sausages** 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** We will again be doing a charity Christmas card in the next few weeks designed for you by your child this is 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 8th October at 7:30 pm in the Village Hall, all welcome-** Please come along and support us at this meeting as we are a committee run pre-school we need to have an AGM If you are interested in being on the committee please let me know it would be lovely to have you..

#### **Term Dates**

**Finish for half term Tuesday 22nd October 2019**

**Term 2 starts Monday 4th November 2019**

#### **Advance dates**

**Friday 13<sup>th</sup> December** Please note as an advanced date for your diaries we will be doing our **nativity play on this day starting at 9:30am.**

**Friday 20<sup>th</sup> December PM** Christmas party and visit from father Christmas will take place from lunch time onwards, this is for all children, more details of these events 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, Kristy and Rachael**

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