

Benger Bears Pre-school

Term 2 News Letter (November 2017)

We have now begun term 2 which is going to be the busiest term in the pre-school year getting things ready for Christmas and practising our nativity. This term we welcome 4 new children into the pre-school. Casper, Catherine, Martha and Eva. We hope that you will all enjoy the beginning of your learning journey with Benger Bears.

This term we will be finishing our 'all about me' theme and so far this term we have talked about Halloween, made firework pictures and made a poppy wreath out of our hands which we will be taking over to the Church to put with their wreaths. We have had some good discussions with the children about why we wear poppies.

Children in Need/Save the Children

This year we will again be supporting 2 charities the first is Children in Need which is a charity that we always support and this year it is on **Friday 17th November**. So we are asking if the Polar Bear children could come either dressed in their pyjamas or onesies for the day and bring along their favourite bedtime soft toy. We will also be having hot chocolate to drink and reading bedtime stories. We will also be making a decorated cupcake and a Pudsey biscuit for them to bring home. For this we are asking a donation of £2 which will go towards the Children in Need appeal. There will be a special box on the table by the signing in book for you to pop your donation into. Also so that non Polar bear children can be involved in some fundraising we are supporting the Save the children charity who are having a wear your Christmas Jumper week. This is taking place week beginning **12th December**. We will be asking all the children to wear a Christmas jumper each time they are in and are asking for a £2 donation, obviously you will only pay this once if your child does more than 1 session.

Nativity

We are in the process of sorting our nativity out and you will receive a letter in the next week telling you who your child is and what costume they need etc. **This will take place on Friday 15th December starting at 9:30am, followed by coffee/tea and mince pies and maybe one or two other stalls.**

Christmas Bags

As we reach December we will be heading towards Christmas and making our usual selection of crafts which we put into a Christmas bag for you to buy. This is something we have always done at pre-school and helps towards our fund raising the cost is £5 per bag and will be available to buy at our nativity show. As with last year we will be collecting this money in a few weeks before they are given to you at the nativity more details on this in the next few weeks.

Christmas Party Our Christmas party will be taking place on Tuesday 19th December from 11:45am. If your child is not in that day and you would like them to come then please let us know and bring them in for 11:45am. If your child is already in they do not need any packed lunch as we will be providing some party food for them. Then after some food and games a special visitor will be arriving at 2:15pm to give the children their presents. You are all extremely welcome to come back then and watch your child receive their gift and take some photos.

Heating Please can you make sure your child always has a long sleeve top/hoodie with them as sometimes first thing in the morning if the heating has been turned down then it could be quite chilly in the hall until the heating warms it up.

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** 13th November, 11th December **Kickabout** 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 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 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 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. Also I have noticed that some children **are being signed in** the signing book by their first name only please can you make sure that you write in their full name as this is a legal document and we can get audited and they then check it, there is a note by the signing in reminding you to do this.

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.

Fundraising

Please see a note under my newsletter from Jean (Emiyi's mum) about Flamingo paperie (was Phoenix trading) I have some catalogues and will put them out on the table by the signing in book this week as orders need to be in by Friday 17th.

Dates for your Diaries

Friday 17th November Children in Need day Polar Bears to wear Pyjamas and bring in a their cuddly bedtime toy.

Friday 24th November Outdoor Explorers for Polar Bear children

Friday 15th December nativity play starting at 9:30am . We will then carry on with the Polar Bears session as normal.

Tuesday 19th December Christmas Party. 11:45am Santa arriving at 2:15pm. (also last day of term)

Thursday 4th January 2018! start back at Bengel bears for term 3.

Kind Regards

Ness, Julie, Tina and Kristy

,Flamingo Paperie

Dear Parents,

Brochures are available in the hall for Flamingo Paperie (was Phoenix Trading) selection of charity Christmas card packs and Advent cards & calendars. All designed and made in Britain and not available on the high street!

The brochure can be viewed online by clicking this link: <https://online.flippingbook.com/view/545089/1?sharedOn>

The following selection of everyday greeting cards are also available to order:

<https://online.flippingbook.com/view/650229/1?sharedOn>

Please note that a third of the profit from all orders will be donated to Bengers Bears. Plus every order placed will be put in to a prize draw to win an advent calendar!

If you would like to order anything, or have any questions, please contact:

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Alternatively, please complete the order form in the back of the brochure & hand it in to Bengers Bears.

Thank you for your support!

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