

Benger Bears Pre-school

Term 3 News Letter (January 2019)

Welcome back to everyone, we hope you all had a really lovely Christmas with your families. Since the last newsletter we have welcomed 5 new children into the pre-school Coco, Atticus, Dorel, Amber and Zac. We hope that you will all enjoy the beginning of your learning journey with Benger Bears.

Children in Need and Save the Children. Many thanks to all those who generously donated to both these causes by wearing Pyjamas and Christmas Jumpers. For Children in Need we raised £60 and for Christmas Jumper week we raised £75.

Didi dance/Kickabout We hope both these activities will be starting again soon. We are trying to sort out didi dance as due to a class at 10am for an hour sometimes Beth the teacher is late arriving in pre-school and so we have shortened sessions. The dates for Kickabout are Jan 28th, Feb 25th and March 18th 2019.

Theme From now until Easter we will be looking at the theme of fairytales to include Jack and the Beanstalk, Little Red Riding Hood, Goldilocks and the 3 Bears, 3 little pigs and the Gingerbread man. We will also be doing activities for Chinese new Year which this year is the year of the Pig which is On Feb 4th,

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.

Keyworker week. There will be an opportunity for you to come and see your Child's keyworker as we are having a keyworker week beginning 11th Feb you will be able to sign up for an appointment to see them, from January 28th when we will put a sign up sheet in reception area. We will also be doing a summative assessment on your child 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 Now the weather has changed please can you ensure that your child has their coat all the time plus if we get colder weather a hat and gloves as we do go outside at every session either on the patio or around the rec. Also please can your child **bring a pair of wellies each day** as we will be going outside everyday and it is muddy and wet on the rec. **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. Please can you also ensure that the lunchbox has a frozen icepack in it too as some items they have need to be kept cool.

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.

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/>

Possible Trip We are thinking of having a pre-school outing at some point in May and would like to gauge what sort of interest there would be. It would take place between 9am-3pm and may be on a Tuesday we would like to invite all parents to come and join us too bringing a picnic lunch. If you are able to come with your child there will put a list out in reception with all the children's names asking you to tick yes or no so we can then decide what to do and begin planning it out.

Term Dates

Finish for Half term on Friday 15th February and return to pre-school on Monday 25th February.

Future dates for your diary

Week Feb 11th Keyworker week.

Friday 29th March pm Polar Bears cream teas for Mothers day. (1:30pmish)

Friday 5th April Easter show 9:30am followed by an Easter trail and coffee and hot cross buns etc. (polar bears carries on after this)

May Possible outing.

Friday June 21st 9:30am sports day for all children (followed by Polar Bears session)

Friday 19th July Leavers show around 1:30ish (will confirm nearer the time)

Tuesday 23rd July Last day of term before summer holidays

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, Rachael and Cora
