



Term 4 News Letter (February 2018)

Welcome back to everyone after the half term holiday and this week it looks as though it could be really cold and maybe snowy so please make sure that your child has a thick coat, has scarf, gloves and wellies with them please. If it snows we will be go out in it for a while! Just so we can have some snow fun. This term we welcome 4 new children Jack, Tobias, Jorja-Mae and Elijah. We hope that you will all enjoy the beginning of your learning journey with Benger Bears.

Themes

Last term and this term will be looking at the theme buildings and homes. To carry on this theme we will be looking at homes in cold and hot countries, the homes of the 3 little pigs etc. We will also be hoping to get out on our allotment this term and get it prepared for plating by having weeding sessions!! Hopefully the weather will allow us to do this!

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

Our keyworker photo board is out in the foyer every day so you can see who your child's keyworker is. 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

As we are now right in the middle of winter please can I remind you that your child needs to bring a pair of wellies each time they are in as when we go out on the rec it is now getting very muddy. They also need to have a coat as well as hats and gloves too.

Please can you make sure that all your child's lunch boxes 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.

We are still noticing 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. Also can you please ensure you put your child's first name and surname in.

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.

New Resources

We have received some from the Church Piece trust which we applied for which has gone towards 2 new units and tables which we really needed in the setting. So we extend a big thank you to them for letting us do this. We have also bought 2 new wheelbarrows some foam building blocks and a few other items for the children these will be making an appearance in the next few weeks. We are still in need of some small pop up tents too so if you have any you don't need we can relieve you of them.

Polar Bears

The Children have been enjoying learning the Jolly Phonics letters and doing Funky Finger activities, we are encouraging them to become more independent e.g putting on coats and doing the zips up, taking shoes off and putting on again and will do this at every session. So if you could do this at home too that would be fab. We have couple of Polar Bear dates which I will send out in a separate email to Polar Bear parents.

Dates for your Diaries.

Kickabout sessions Monday 26th Feb and Monday 26th March at 11am.

Monday March 19th 11:15am Didi Dance

Thursday March 29th 9:30am Easter Concert followed by a Chocolate trail around the rec and then coffee and hot cross buns. Please come along and support your child in the concert. We will be putting out a list in reception around the middle of March for you to sign to let us know if your child is going to be coming or not. So watch this space.

Preloved Children's Clothing and Toy Sale

As you know we will be holding our sale on Saturday 24th March, 10am - 12 noon, Sutton Benger Village Hall. Please do come along and pick up some great bargains - all proceeds will go to support Sutton Benger School, Benger Bears Preschool, and Sutton Benger Toddler Group.

Donations

If you can kindly donate any items for the sale, please bring them into Benger Bears on Monday 5th or Friday 9th March. Alternatively, please contact Liz Hirst on 07900 981765 if you would prefer to drop items directly to her house 17 Barrington Court on The Park, Sutton Benger. Please ensure all items are in a clean, sellable condition and kindly label bags of clothes by age range and sex. Many Thanks for your support.

Many thanks

Ness. Julie, Tina and Kristy
