

## Term 4 News Letter (February 2019)

Welcome back to everyone after the half term holiday this term looks very busy with preparations for Mothers Day and Easter.

### Themes

Last term and this term will be looking at Fairy tales we are currently doing the 3 little pigs and next week we will be doing the Gingerbread man.

### 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, 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.

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 and also make sure that they are also signed out.

**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.

**Scooters** If your child brings a scooter to the setting please can you ensure that they are now kept outside under the kitchen window as we are having quite a few instances of children getting them from under the table and riding them around the foyer area. The crash hats can be brought in and put on a coat peg.

### 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.

**Forest School** We will be starting up our outdoor explorer sessions again this term out on the rec for the Polar Bear children. They will be led by Mrs Pauline Lovering who works for the RISE Children's Centres but is also a forest school leader. Provisional dates for these are March 22<sup>nd</sup>, April 26<sup>th</sup>, June 14<sup>th</sup>, July 12<sup>th</sup>. They will take place in the mornings. I will send out more info when I have had a meeting with her in a couple of weeks.

**Create Move Dance** These are new sessions that have begun to take place in the setting fortnightly on Tuesdays led by Georgie. So far we have had 2 of these and the children are thoroughly enjoying them. On these days please can you ensure your child is wearing trousers or leggings under a dress or skirt.

### **Kickabout with Dave**

Due to Dave's commitments we are now changing back to Thursdays. I am in the process of arranging dates with him.

### **Outing**

This has now been arranged for Tuesday 14<sup>th</sup> May 2019 to Farmer Gows near Faringdon, during Benger Bears hours. More details to follow.

### **Dates for your Diaries.**

**Create Move Dance Tuesdays 12<sup>th</sup> and 26<sup>th</sup> March.**

**Kickabout Sessions dates to be confirmed.**

**Friday 29<sup>th</sup> March 1:30pm.** Polar Bears cream teas for Mothers day more details to follow on a separate Polar bears letter.

**Friday 5<sup>th</sup> April 9:30am Easter Concert** followed by an Easter 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.

Friday 5<sup>th</sup> April is also the last day of term.

We return for term 5 on Tuesday 23<sup>rd</sup> April at 9am as Monday 22<sup>nd</sup> is Easter Monday.

Many thanks

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

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