



Term 5 News Letter (April 2018)

Welcome back to everyone after the Easter holidays typically the weather has now become warm and sunny well for a few days at least! This term we welcome 3 new children Florence, Joseph and Maisie. We hope that you will all enjoy the beginning of your learning journey with Benger Bears.

Themes

From now until we finish in the summer we are looking at people who help us. We are in the process of arranging for people to come in and visit us, if you yourself have an interesting job or know someone who does it would be lovely if you could come and talk to the children about it.

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

We are now at the point in the year when the weather can be mixed cold and wet one week and warm and sunny the next. With this in mind please can you make sure that your child has appropriate clothing with them and brings their wellies as we are now going to the allotment and it can be muddy around there. If it is warm and sunny please can you make sure that your child has a sunhat and suncream with them too. When it is sunny there will be a list in the reception area with your child's name on for you to tick that you have applied the suncream before they come into the setting. If your child is in all day we will reapply before we go out again in the afternoon.

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. Also please make sure there is an icepack in your child's lunch box too especially as the weather is getting warmer.

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.

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. In a couple of weeks time we will be asking the children to bring in a spare set of clothes each Friday to change into this will help them when they need to change into pe clothes when at school. I will send out a separate Polar Bears sheet about this.

Didi dance and kickabout sessions. These will be continuing as normal the dates until we break up in July are : did dance, April 30th, May 14th and July 9th. Kickabout is May 21st, June 18th and July 16th.

Scarlet Fever Please be aware that Scarlet Fever is around at the moment and is apparently rife in Wiltshire. Symptoms are: flu like, high temperature 38'c, swollen glands and then a rash a few days later. If you child does contact this they are unable to come into the pre-school for 5 days.

Dates for your Diaries.

Sports Day Friday June 22nd (reserve day June 29th). At 9:30am followed by coffee/tea etc. This should be over by 10:30/45am then we will carry on with the normal Polar Bears session. All children are invited to come to the sports day.

June 30th Benger bears quiz (please note change of date for this)

Quiz Night

It would be great if you could join us for this year's quiz night on Saturday 30th June 2018, from 7.30pm, Sutton Benger Village Hall. Guaranteed to always be a great evening, this is our biggest fundraiser of the year, so please save the date now and book your babysitters - it would be great to see lots of parent teams! Tickets will be on sale in the coming weeks costing £5 per person. We will also be holding a raffle on the night too with lots of fantastic prizes.

Many thanks

Ness. Julie, Tina and Kristy
