

Benger Bears

Term 5 News Letter (April 2019)

Welcome back to everyone after the Easter holidays. This term we welcome 6 new children Bertie, Eva Sue, Freya, Phoebe, Romeo and Violet. 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 the theme using your senses. So, we will be talking about and doing activities based around our 5 senses of Seeing, Hearing, Tasting, touching and smelling.

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. 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 sun cream with them too. When it is sunny there will be a sheet of paper in the reception area for you to write your child's name on when you have applied the sun cream 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, small tomatoes or small 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. Also please make sure there is an icepack in your child's lunch box too especially as the weather is getting warmer. **Nappies** For those children who are in still in nappies please can you make sure that they have spare nappies, barrier cream and nappy sacks in their changing bags please.

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 when 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. If you could do this at home too that would be fab. We have now asked if the children can 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. We have done this for a few years now and the reception teacher at Sutton Benger school has said this has been a great help when it comes to them changing for their pe sessions once they have started school. Also, there are quite a few other nurseries and pre-school's around the area doing this too as it is part of the pathway to school leaflet.

Create, Move dance and kickabout sessions. These will be continuing as normal the date for the next Create move dance is May 21st (others for term 6 will be arranged) Kickabout sessions until we break up in July are June 13th, July 18th.

Bags for Schools This year we are collecting clothes etc which will help raise some money towards the pre-school, we are doing this through bags for schools the collection date is Friday 24th May. I will give you a special bag in which you can put various items which are listed on the front of the bag. Then return to us on Thursday 23rd and Friday 24th May at morning drop off.

Dates for your Diaries.

June 15th Benger bears quiz It would be great if you could join us for this year's quiz night on Saturday 15th June 2019, 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.

Friday June 14th, 2019, Special Father's Day event for all dads, grandads of Polar Bear children. Please put this date in your diary now more details to follow about what the event will be!

Sports Day Friday June 21st (reserve day June 28th). 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.

Friday July 19th, 2019 Leavers show 1pm For all children who will be leaving the pre-school for school this September. (more details to follow)

Many thanks

Ness. Julie, Tina Kristy, Rachael and Cora
