



**Bents Farm Day Nursery
Newsletter
January 2017**

A big welcome to all our new families that have joined us since our last newsletter.
Happy New Year!

Baby Boom!

Charlie's mum is expecting

Topic – Our topic for February is 'Nursery Rhymes'

Thank you – Thank you to Edward, Penelope and Rosie for your outgrown toys and clothes, any we cannot make use of we will give to a charity. Also Thank you for all the Christmas gifts staff received.

Staff training – All staff are undertaking e-learning at present on a variety of different topics.

Adults Christmas shopping trip – This is now fully booked.

Staff – We have a new member of the team Shanon who will be working in nursery 5 days alongside Ash & Rhiannon. Zoe is moving into the baby room to work alongside Sarah & Nasreen. Lianne is returning from maternity leave at the end of February.

Guess what's in the box! – Is making its way around preschool.

Car Seats – Guidance is that padded winter coats should be removed before fastening children into their car seats.

Sewing – The lady who sews the pump bags is retiring do we have any keen machinists who would like to take over this paid role.

Check Drawers – All children in nursery & preschool have a drawer with notes, letters, bills etc in please empty these weekly.

Display Boards – Please take time to look at the display boards and see what your child has been doing whilst at the setting it means a lot to them.

Holidays – Julie & Steven are away for 3 days 20th – 22nd February. Alison & Leanne will be holding the fort if you have any questions don't hesitate to speak to them.

Reminders of things previously mentioned

Safeguarding/Child Protection – We have made a new Safeguarding/Child Protection display on the board by the Jigsaws in the upstairs nursery room. Please take time to read the information on this.

Useful websites – Two new websites to help parents keep children happy, healthy and safe with useful tips on: - Teething, sleeping, eating, behaviour, school readiness etc.

www.home-start.org.uk

www.healthyearlyyears.co.uk

Policies – We have just finished updating our policies and procedures with current legislation and requirements if you would like to read them please ask your child's key worker or admin.

Wellies – If your child comes to nursery or pre-school in wellies please can you ensure they have a change of footwear for inside.

Children's files – If you would like to take your child's development file home for a weekend or speak to your child's key worker about your child's development please see your child's key worker to arrange this.

Transition booklet – As babies move up to nursery and some of the nursery children move into pre-school I have made a transition booklet to help you through the changes if you would like one please ask.

Show and tell – Please ensure that the things your child brings into nursery/preschool fit into their show and tell box and that they are relevant to the topic. We cannot be responsible for 'toys' that do not fit in the show and tell boxes, they may get lost or broken and often result in tears when children do not want to share their own 'toys'.

Parking – Please can parent's use the car park at all times for the safety of our children and the respect of other adults Thank you.

Entrance – Please do not open the door to anyone even if you know them, this is for everyone's safety and please note no one under the age of 18 years can collect a child.

Attendance – Please ring nursery **before** 9:30am if your child is not attending.

2nd Carers – If your child is cared for by anyone other than family i.e. nanny, child-minder, other setting etc., could you please tell your child's key worker. As part of working together a requirement from Ofsted, it is important to gather information surrounding children's interests and activities out of the setting in order for us to extend children's learning. We would also like to pass information from here to all people involved to continue the cycle.

Sport/Dance – Dance sessions are provided on Tuesday mornings and sport sessions on Wednesday mornings free of charge to ensure children have lots of physical opportunities.

Julie, Steven & the team.