



**Bents Farm Day Nursery
Newsletter
February 2018**

A big welcome to all our new families that have joined us since our last newsletter.
We hope you had a lovely Christmas and a Happy New Year!

Baby Boom!

Florence's mum is expecting!
Eric's mum is expecting!
Rhiannon is expecting!
Zoe is expecting!

Topic – Our topic for March is 'Dinosaurs and the World'.

Thank You – To Gabriel who donated his outgrown toys to nursery.

Staff – Helen has now joined us in the nursery room and we are also trialling an apprentice, as both Rhiannon and Zoe will be on Maternity Leave.

Staff Training – All staff are completing a variety of online training courses.

Funding – Please ensure that you re-new your eligibility code every 3 months. This will be the same code, but you **MUST** re-new it in order to be able to claim the extended hours. **Please return forms and codes BEFORE 28TH March in order to book your child's funded place for the Summer Term.** Please also make sure that you attend for **ALL** your funded hours and stick to times that you have put on your funding form.

Calpol – We are aware that it is the time of year where illness is rife, however, please remember that we are a completely Calpol free nursery. **Please do not give your child Calpol prior to bringing them to nursery, as it can mask the symptoms of serious illnesses. We will contact you to collect your ill child once the Calpol has worn off if they are unwell.**

Files – Please return your child's file for our monthly update.

Lids – Please can you save bottle/jar lids.

Please Return:

- **Privacy Notices**
- **Funding Forms**
- **Contracts**
- **Care Plan Letters**
- **Questionnaires**

Guinea Pigs – We have 2 guinea pigs in pre-school – Christoph and Max - they are also brought up in to nursery to visit the children upstairs.

Easter Events

- Babies and Nursery Children will be having an Easter Bonnet Competition - to be made at home with family.
- Pre-School will be having an Egg Decorating Competition - to be made at home with family.
- Easter Party: Thursday 29th March – Competitions at 3:30pm, Party Tea at 4:00pm and Egg Hunt at 4:30pm

Please ensure all competition pieces are brought in on the day of the Easter Party.

Reminders of things previously mentioned

Car Seats – Children have been seen leaving the setting not in a car seat. Please ensure you keep all our children safe and transport them according to legal requirements.

Spare clothes – As we often have water play please ensure your child has a good supply of clothes in their pump bag. Don't forget socks please! Now the weather is cooler please provide a suitable coat.

Facebook – We have started a Facebook page to let people know what we do at Bents Farm. We will NEVER put any pictures of your children on but please like the page so we reach lots of people and hopefully get some new families joining us.

Absence – If your child is not attending or if you are going to be late can you please ring **before 9.30am** so we can order lunches.

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.

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

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.

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 - Sport sessions are provided on Thursday mornings free of charge to ensure children have lots of physical opportunities.

Website – You may find www.childcarechoices.co.uk useful for government information about Tax-Free Childcare and the 30hours funding

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

Julie, Steven & the team.