



**Bents Farm Day Nursery
Newsletter
March 2017**

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

Baby Boom!

Charlie's mum is expecting
Jack H's mum is expecting
Noah's mum is expecting
Betsy's mum is expecting

Topic – Our topic for March is 'Mini Beasts'

Staff training – All staff are undertaking e-learning at present on a variety of different topics, Alison has completed a management course and Rhiannon has completed her paediatric first aid.

Staff – A huge welcome to Colette who has joined the baby room team and Scott who has joined pre-school and some of the current staff have had a move around to the right teams in the right rooms.

Guess what's in the box! – The winners are Harvey and Lilly – we had 3 people who guessed correctly so had to draw names out of a hat. The contents were ribbon, a dice, a coin, an elastic band and a t-bag.

Holidays – please remember that w/c 3/4/17 is not funded by Calderdale therefore funded children who attend will need to book days in advance and pay in full.

Pigs – All the pigs have gone to market, we will get some more soon and we now have 7 baby goats – the children got to see these being born.

T-Towels – Unfortunately, the company is no longer in operation.

Wii – Julie has a Wii and few games – please see Julie if you are interested.

Easter Party – Is Thursday 13th April – please see the posters in the rooms for further information.

Holiday – Julie and Courtney are away for a week over Easter but Steven will still be around.

Sleep – Please find new sleep guidelines attached.

Car Seats – Please see the new guidance attached.

Questionnaires – The results of this years' questionnaire are attached. Thank you to all who took the time to fill them in and return them, we value your comments.

Reminders of things previously mentioned

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.

Spare clothes – Please make sure your child has a full set of spare clothes each day in their pump bag.

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.

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.

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.