



**Bents Farm Day Nursery
Newsletter
April 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 May is 'Mini Beasts' in preschool and 'Growing' in nursery and babies.

Closed over Christmas – This has been a hard decision, please see attached.

30 and 15 hour Funding – Please find attached our proposal for funding from September 2017. This is subject to 'small changes' at the discretion of changes made in government and local authority decisions.

Thank you – Thank you to: - Isaac, Everlyn and Olivia for donating outgrown baby toys.

Leavers Photo – The children leaving for school this year will be having a group photo done on Thursday 18th May at 12.30 please ensure your child attends.

Calendar News – Hope you all managed to catch sight of your children 04/04/17 on the news showing how our children are not exposed to car emissions in their healthy surroundings at Bents Farm!

Fire bags – Fire bags will be collected on Friday 5th May.

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

Trip to Heathfield – Preschool children who leave to go to school this September have been invited to a sports day at Heathfield on Thursday 11th May. The children will travel in the Heathfield mini bus if you do not want your child to attend please tell Alison before this date.

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

Staff – Unfortunately Shannon's trial period has not been as expected and she will not be joining the team.

Animals – We have new piglets and the cows are having their calves.

Wii – Julie has a Wii and few games free to a good home if anyone can make use of it.

Easter Party – The Easter party was well attended and everyone enjoyed themselves. The competition winners were: - Grace for her Easter basket, Esmae for her Easter hat and Bridget for her decorated egg, well done!

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.

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

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.