



**Bents Farm Day Nursery
Newsletter
June 2017**

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

Baby Boom!

Charlie's mum has had a baby boy!
Jack H's mum has had a baby girl!
Noah's mum is expecting
Betsy's mum is expecting
Indie's mum is expecting
Huw & Ffion's mum is expecting
Sarah is expecting

Topic – Our topic for July is 'Sport'

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.

Staff – Colette and Scott have successfully passed their probationary period and are officially part of the team. Natalie has now joined us, you will find her in the nursery rooms upstairs.

Staff training – All staff are undertaking e-learning at present on a variety of different topics. Scott and Colette have completed all mandatory courses. Colette and Sarah have done further training with babies.

Toys – **Please do not let your child bring any toys from home or money in their pockets as they fall out of pockets when children play and small children and babies are at risk of choking as they like to put small things in their mouths!**

Contracts – Please return contracts and funding contracts A.S.A.P in order to secure your child's place for September.

School Leavers –

- **Transition Meetings** - Julie and Alison will be attending transition meetings over the coming month where they will meet the teachers of the children moving into school.
- **Teachers** - Some of the children's new teachers have been up to visit the children in the setting.
- **Leavers Trip** – Any parents who would like to join us please let us know

Spare clothes – As we often have water play outside in the warm weather please ensure your child has a good supply of clothes in their pump bag. Don't forget socks please!

Barn Dance BBQ – H.A.O.S are hosting a family BBQ/Barn dance on Saturday 22nd July From 6.30pm onwards at Bents Farm, everyone is welcome. Adults £5.00 Children £3.00. See Julie for tickets.

Sports Day – This year's sports day will be on Friday 14th July at 9.30am please make every effort to attend. If your child is not usually in on Friday morning we hope you will still come along and join in all family members welcome.

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.

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

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/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.

Tax Free Childcare – The government's tax-free childcare scheme will help working parents who have children under 4 years old on 31st August 2017 (date of birth after 31/08/13) with the cost of childcare. It offers up to £2000 per child, per year - for every £8 you put in the government will add £2, or £4000 if a child is disabled. In order to claim visit www.childcare-support.tax.service.gov.uk/par/app/applynow. You will need to open an online account and apply for a code, which you will then need to pass on to us to verify.

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.healthyearlyears.co.uk

Julie, Steven & the team.