



**Bents Farm Day Nursery  
Newsletter  
August 2017**

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

**Baby Boom!**

Noah's mum is expecting  
Indie's mum is expecting  
Huw & Ffion's mum is expecting  
Sarah is expecting

**Topic** – Our topic for September is 'Pirates and under the sea'

**Eggs** – Our hens have started laying!!! If you would like to buy some free range eggs please ask one of the staff.

**Staff** – Scott decided childcare was not for him!

**Babies** – At the moment we don't have any very small babies attending nursery, therefore we have decided to move the babies into the nursery for a trial period. The contents of the baby room and the staff will be moving too, causing as little disruption as possible. We will be reviewing this at the next staff meeting and will let you all know what we decide. Please forward you comments both for and against to a staff member.

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

**Toys** – Thank you to Alexander for his unwanted toys.

**Leavers Trip** – The children had a fantastic day at Bradford Media Museum.

**Holidays** - Julie and Steven will be away week beginning 11<sup>th</sup> September.

**Scarecrow Festival** – Hope you enjoyed the Scarecrow Festival and you spotted our Superhero's!!

**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.

**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.

**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!

**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.

**2<sup>nd</sup> 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 31<sup>st</sup> 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](http://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](http://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](http://www.home-start.org.uk)

[www.healthyearlyyears.co.uk](http://www.healthyearlyyears.co.uk)

**Julie, Steven & the team.**