



**Bents Farm Day Nursery
Newsletter
September 2016**

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

Baby Boom!

Isla's mum is expecting!

Jack M's mum is expecting!

Topic – Our topic for September is 'Autumn'

Guess what's in the box! – This has started again this month in preschool. Children will take the box home overnight and with their family write down 5 guesses of what could be in the box. The box must not be opened, the family who gets the most guesses right will win the box and its contents!

Training – Staff have attended whole team training in persona and empathy dolls, early literacy and early maths.

Scarecrow Festival – Our Gruffalo scarecrows lasted well in the rain on Saturday and were visited by many of you on the Sunday. A good weekend was had by all.

Well done! – Katie has passed her level 3 in child care and early education!

Staff – Zoe is now back from maternity leave 3 mornings a week and Georgia has joined us from Huddersfield university 2 days a week to gain experience until Christmas.

Wellies – If your child comes to nursery or pre-school in wellies please can you ensure they have a change of footwear for inside.

Fireworks – We have decided not to have a bonfire this year but will be having a bonfire tea and a firework display. We hope you will all join us on Friday 4th November at 5:30pm. Please see the food list on the main window and put your name next to the item you would like to contribute.

Future events – Book your time off for Christmas now!!!

Preschool Christmas play Friday 9th December at 4:30pm.

Nursery and Babies Christmas sing along Tuesday 13th December at 4:30pm.

Christmas party for all families Friday 16th December from 3:30pm.

Reminders of things previously mentioned

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.

Attendance – Please ring nursery **before** 9:30am if your child is not attending.

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.

Thank you, that's all for now. Julie, Steven & the team.