



**Bents Farm Day Nursery  
Newsletter  
September 2017**

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

**Baby Boom!**

Indie's mum has had a baby girl!  
Noah's mum is expecting  
Huw & Ffion's mum is expecting  
Sarah is expecting

**Topic** – Our topic for October is 'Autumn and Halloween'

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

**Staff** – Sarah has now gone on maternity leave

**Babies** – Babies and nursery seem to be operating well if you have any opinions either way please tell a staff member.

**Staff training** – staff have done training in early speech development and child behaviours.

**Toys** – Thank you to Betsy, Luther and Penelope for donating clothes and toys.

**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! Now the weather is cooler please provide a suitable coat.

**Fire bags** – Fire bags need to be returned before Friday 6<sup>th</sup> October please. Time to have a clear out!!

**Photographer** – Tempest photographer will be in the setting on Tuesday 10<sup>th</sup> October from 7.30am to 11.30am please bring all children in to have their photos taken – fantastic presents for Christmas!

**Funding** – We have rolled out the 30 hours and have listened to the things that do not seem to be going well. If you have any further comments please let us know and we will see what changes we can make before the next term starts in January and let you know.

**Fireworks & Food** – We will be having fireworks and food on Friday 3<sup>rd</sup> November at 5.30pm please come and join us, everyone welcome. *Please see food list in preschool for any contributions you would like to make.*

**Facebook** – We have started a Facebook page to let people know what we do at Bents Farm. We will NEVER put any pictures of your children on but please like the page so we reach lots of people and hopefully get some new families joining us.

**Peanut butter** – We are going to put peanut butter on the menu once a month as it is very high in protein, we do not have any children with a nut allergy but obviously want to inform you of the change.

**Children in Need** – 13<sup>th</sup> to 17<sup>th</sup> of November we will be having a 'Pudsey cake week' to raise money for Children in Need. Children can dress up all week and buns, cakes, biscuits etc. will be on sale for you to buy.

## 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.

**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 -** sport sessions are provided 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.**