



**Bents Farm Day Nursery  
Newsletter  
October 2017**

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

**Baby Boom!**

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

**Topic** – Our topic for November is 'Bonfire and Space'

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

**Staff** – Alison is leaving for pastures new in November, we are currently interviewing for a new member of staff. Olivia has joined the team.

**Toys** – Thank you to Jack Wadsworth for donating his outgrown toys.

**Nursery** – We have now had a vinyl floor put in nursery, so the children can eat in there and do their messy activities without having to move rooms.

**Photos** – The photos look brilliant! Please let us know as soon as possible you wish to buy your child's photo or not.

**Spare clothes** – As we often have water play 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.

**Exclusion Guidelines** – There are a few exclusion periods that have changed:

- Rubella – exclusion for 4 days from the onset of the rash.
- Impetigo – Until lesions have healed or 48hours after antibiotics have started
- Whooping Cough – exclusion for 2 days from the start of antibiotic treatment
- There is a poster on the door into Pre-School with all exclusion advice.

**Funding** – We have now handed out the funding forms for January. Please complete and return as soon as possible. If you are unsure what you want to do, please complete the form with your ideal hours, and we will try our best to accommodate you. Please obtain your 30 hours code as soon as possible.

**Christmas Events –**

- **Pre-School Play** – will take place on Friday 8<sup>th</sup> December at 4:30pm. Please ask a member of staff if you require costume ideas and bring costumes in no later than the day before.
- **Nursery & Babies Sing Along** – will take place on Tuesday 12<sup>th</sup> December at 4:30pm. Costumes optional – bring your best singing voice!
- **Christmas Party** – will be on Friday 15<sup>th</sup> December. Tea at 3:30pm and Father Christmas will arrive at 4:30pm. If you have an older sibling who will also be attending the party and you wish them to receive a present from Father Christmas, please supply one, wrapped and labelled the day before.

**Nursery will be closed for the Christmas Period from Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> December until Tuesday 2<sup>nd</sup> January 2018.**

**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.

**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.

**Dance** – We have no idea why, but after several attempts to contact her the dance teacher seems to have disappeared.

### **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.

**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.**