



**Bents Farm Day Nursery
Newsletter
November 2016**

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

Baby Boom!

Charlie's mum is expecting

Topic – Our topic for December is 'Christmas'

Thank you – Thank you to Edward, Gabriel, Iris and Penelope for your outgrown toys and clothes, any we cannot make use of we will give to a charity.

Staff training – Julie and Leanne have just completed an advanced Safeguarding course.

Networking – Children from Heathfield school will be visiting the nursery 02/12/16.

Policies – We have just finished updating our policies and procedures with current legislation and requirements if you would like to read them please ask your child's key worker or admin.

Adults Christmas shopping trip – 15 of us have just had a fantastic Christmas shopping weekend in Chester and Cheshire Oaks. Next year we will be spending the last weekend in November at Lincoln Christmas markets if you would like to go let Julie know as we book the hotel and coach early.

Staff – After 13 years Ann will be retiring at Christmas. Ann has been torn between work, home and being a grandparent for a while now and has decided it is time to concentrate on her family. We all wish her a long, happy, healthy retirement and a huge thank you for over 13 years of her time and energy. You may have seen a new face in nursery, this is Rhiannon who will be starting 5 days a week after Christmas to work alongside Ash as Katie is leaving to work with children who have additional needs.

Fireworks – We had a fantastic firework display and bonfire tea that was well attended and enjoyed by all.

Guess what's in the box! – Annie guessed the most right so she has won the box and its contents. (Elephant, marble, button, bracelet, hair clip) We will start this again in January.

Safeguarding/Child Protection – We have made a new Safeguarding/Child Protection display on the board by the Jigsaws in the upstairs nursery room. Please take time to read the information on this.

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.healthyearlyyears.co.uk

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

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

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.

Hope you all have a fantastic Christmas Julie, Steven & the team.