



**Bents Farm Day Nursery
Newsletter
November 2017**

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

Baby Boom!

Oliver's mum has had a baby Boy!
Sarah has had a baby Boy – Logan!
Huw & Ffion's mum is expecting

Topic – Our topic for December is 'Christmas'!

Staff – Lauren has joined the team and Holly will be starting in December. Chloe volunteers on a Wednesday and Somera is with us on a Thursday as a college placement.

Children in Need – We raised £60.69 for Children in Need. Thank you to the staff who baked and parents who bought!

Fireworks & Food – The fireworks went really well. Thank you to everyone who attended.

Funding – Please complete and return as soon as possible for January. 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 and remember to reclaim if you already have one.

Funding Break - Please be aware, there will be **NO FUNDING** for the week commencing **18th December**, if you do not stretch your funding or pay for your child to attend in school holidays, please do not bring them this week as we will not be expecting them and you will be charged.

Christmas Events –

- **Pre-School Play** – will take place on Friday 8th 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 12th December at 4:30pm. Costumes optional – bring your best singing voice!
- **Christmas Party** – will be on Friday 15th 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 22nd December until Tuesday 2nd January 2018.

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.

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.

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

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.

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 - 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 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

www.healthyearlyyears.co.uk

Julie, Steven & the team.