



**Bents Farm Day Nursery  
March 2022**

Don't forget that your little ones are being exposed to viruses they have not come across for the last 24 months during COVID therefore don't be alarmed if your child seems to be under the weather until their immune system is fully restored. We seem to have every bug and virus possible over the last month!

**) Therefore PLEASE do not bring your child to nursery if they have had any Un-prescribed medication INCLUDING (CALPOL)**

**Topic** – Our topic for April is 'Spring' and the country for April is 'Japan'.

**Parents weekend** – This weekend! 9am to 11.30 and 1.00 to 3.30pm both Saturday and Sunday. Come along and have a chat with the staff and look at your child's learning journey.

**Photo** – Children who are leaving for school this year will have the opportunity to have a group photo taken on Tuesday 5<sup>th</sup> April at 9.30am. Please make every effort to attend.

**Easter party** – This year's Easter party tea will be on Thursday 14<sup>th</sup> April. If you would like to get creative and make a basket or bonnet for the competition please bring in your creations before so we can judge on the day. Preschool and Nursery would like to make baskets and babies would like to make bonnets. NO PRESSURE!

**Easter Holidays** – If your child is funded and you would like to book any days in the Easter holidays please let me know as soon as possible. Also if your child attends term time only could you also let me know the days you would like to use.

**Fees** – Fee amount letters for next term are now being distributed and you should all receive them within the next week. As mentioned previously fees will not go up this April they have now been held for over two years but will go up September 2022.

**Bank holidays** - We are closed for the two bank holidays 15<sup>th</sup> and 18<sup>th</sup> April.

**Child numbers** – Have continued to rise again this month and we would like to express a warm welcome to all of you.

**Swapping days** – As numbers of children continue to increase we cannot always swap your days if your child has been ill. Parents who work shifts and have pre booked arrangements for swapping days are fine it is the short notice ones we cannot always accommodate.

I know many of you email me at the weekend for day swaps – I don't always have time to check these so do not take it for granted you can swap, I will get back to you if I can but I do like to have a little time away from the computer!

**Funded swaps** - Funded hours can only be swapped if you are swapping a full session and we have room/staff. ie If your child attends 9.30 to 3.30 and you want to swap this to a different day that week and we have room/staff this is ok.

You cannot come in late at 11.30 and leave your child until 5.30 as I have not allocated staff for this. You also cannot come in late at 11.30 and expect to tag the two hours onto another day again I have not allocated staff for this.

**New staff** – As a consequence of the high spring intake you will see some new staff in every room.

**Close door** – Please remember to close the main door as you go out as not everyone who comes to the door is permitted entry.

**Changes** – Please inform us of your new address or phone number if your details change.

**Buy or sell** – If you have any items you would like to buy or sell or things of interest to other parents please let us know and we will put your details on the newsletter at the end of each month.

**Trades/Services** – If you would like to inform other parents of your trade/service let us know your details and we will put it in the newsletter. Supporting our local businesses.

**Paediatric First Aid Courses** – As emailed previously we received a bundle of paediatric first aid refresher courses to do online. We have got 66 left to use so if you would like one please email us and let us know and we will forward one across to you.

**Facebook** – We have regular updates and pictures on our page so please give us a “Like” if you haven’t already and if you want to “share” our page that would be great!!!!

**Julie, Steven & the team.**

### **Useful Information**

**Website** – You may find [www.childcarechoices.co.uk](http://www.childcarechoices.co.uk) useful for government information about Tax-Free Childcare, 2 and 3 year old funding 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)