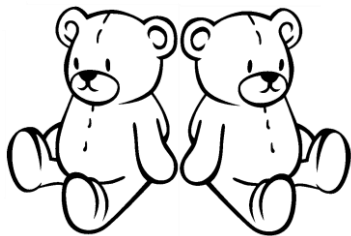


# Bizzy Bears



## Pre-School

# Newsletter

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## November/December Newsletter 2021

### Photographs

You can now view your child's Preschool photograph from Monday's photo session online [www.kittlephoto.com](http://www.kittlephoto.com). You will need your QR code to log in. All orders made before 6<sup>th</sup> December will be eligible for free delivery to Preschool. Any orders made after this date will incur a delivery charge of £4.25. Bizzy Bears will receive 5% of any profit made from sale of photographs which will go towards the children's Christmas party.

If anyone needs any more information please speak to a member of staff.

### Session requirements January 2022

Please complete your child's session requirements for January 2022, you do not need to complete this form if you wish your child's sessions to stay the same. If you require additional information about any aspect of your child's fees, 2,3,4 or 30 hour funding. Please let us know.

### Two, Three and four year old funding

Parents of children eligible for the Spring term funding (2,3,4 and 30hr funding) will need to complete a parent/carer declaration, which will be given out at Preschool w/c 6<sup>th</sup> December You will need to provide your child's birth certificate (if we do not already have a copy) and a current utility bill displaying your postcode(no older than 3 months). We are required to retain a copy of each child's birth certificate and utility bill, these will be kept in a safe and secure file only accessible to the Northamptonshire county council when required. **All forms need to be completed by Friday 10<sup>th</sup> December.**

### Reminder 30 hour funding eligibility codes

You can find out if you qualify for 30 hours of free childcare per week at [www.gov.uk/30-hours-free-childcare](http://www.gov.uk/30-hours-free-childcare). You can apply from when your child is 2 years and 36 weeks old but the code will not be valid until the funding term after your child turns three. When you are issued with a code please give it to us along with your National insurance number so we can confirm eligibility.

Once your child is eligible and claiming 30 hours childcare, you have to reconfirm your eligibility every 3 months with HMRC. You should receive a text or email telling you to do this. If this is not completed on time and the grace period ends no extended funding will be able to be claimed.

### Weather appropriate clothing

As the weather is getting colder please can we ask that the children bring in named weather appropriate clothing ie waterproof suit, wellington boots hat and gloves. The children like to access the garden in all weathers and it can get very muddy during the winter.

### School Admissions

If your child turns 4 before 31<sup>st</sup> August 2022 its time to apply for their primary school place. To help you make this decision you can contact schools of your choosing. You can make your application and find helpful tips and information online at [www.northamptonshire.gov.uk/admissions](http://www.northamptonshire.gov.uk/admissions), or you can apply online at any Northamptonshire County Council library (there will be no charge for using the computers to complete your application or for accessing the emails regarding your school application). You can also apply by post by contacting the school admissions team and asking for an application form to be posted to you: [admissions@Northamptonshire.gov.uk](mailto:admissions@Northamptonshire.gov.uk) or 0300 126 1000 The deadline for applications is Wednesday 15<sup>th</sup> January 2022 at 5pm.

### Children's Jumper day

The children are welcome to come to Preschool in their Christmas jumpers or Christmas fancy dress on Friday 10<sup>th</sup> December as we will be performing some of our favourite Christmas songs to members of the Billing Parish council.

### Christmas Concert

This year we will be holding our Christmas Nativity on Thursday December 16<sup>th</sup> at 2.30pm.

All children will receive a slip with their Nativity part this week. Parents/carer's are welcome to purchase their own costumes. If you require a costume for your child please speak to a member of staff as we do have spare costumes available.

Any children who are not in on Thursday afternoon are welcome to join us dressed for the nativity at 2.30pm. Please can all children bring their costume on the day of the nativity as we are unable to store costumes due to limited space. Please ensure your child has layers under their costume due to our performance being outside.

Our performance will be outside in the garden where we will have our stable. Parents/carers are welcome to join us at 2.30pm (please wrap up warm!), we asking that only a maximum of 2 parents/carer's attend to allow us to maintain social distancing measures.

**Parents/carer's will not be able to record or take photographs at this years performance but we will take individual photographs of the children before the performance and upload them to their Tapestry journal.**

### Christmas Cards

There will be a post box located in the corridor for children wishing to post cards to their friends from 1<sup>st</sup> December. Group lists will be available in each changing room.

### Christmas Party

Our party will take place during our session on **Friday December 17<sup>th</sup>** and will include a disco, party games, party food and a visit from Father Christmas.

**All children who do not usually attend a Friday session are welcome to join us at 11.45am for the party.** Bizzy Bears will supply a party lunch (no packed lunches are required) followed by games and a disco 12.45pm-1.45pm, then our surprise visitor at 2.00pm. There is no extra charge for the party. All parents are welcome to join us at 2.00pm to see our special visitor.

**Bizzy Bears will close at 2.30pm on Friday 17<sup>th</sup> December.**

### Dates for your diary

Thursday 16<sup>th</sup> December 2.30pm – Nativity concert

Friday 17<sup>th</sup> December 11.45am-2.30pm – Pre school Christmas party and last day of term

Wednesday 5<sup>th</sup> January 2022 – Pre school Spring term begins

*Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year from all the children and staff at Bizzy Bears*