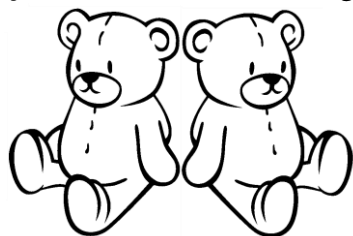


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Newsletter March 2022

Spring Term

Our planning for this half term is focused around the children's interests and will include World book day, Red nose day, Mothers day and Easter.

World book day

On Thursday 3rd March we will be celebrating World Book Day. Children are invited to come to Preschool dressed as their favourite book character. We will be sharing books and taking part in Literacy themed activities.

Comic relief 2022

On Friday 18th March the children are welcome to join us wearing red and their Comic relief nose. We will be collecting donations for this years red nose day fundraiser.

.Staff news

We would like to welcome Suzanne back to our Preschool team. Suzanne will be working with us until July as a Early Years Practitioner to enable us to provide extra support for some of our children. Suzanne joined us initially in 2015 and has since provided staff cover when needed.

Home learning bag scheme

We are excited to be able to restart our home learning bag scheme from w/c 14th March. The bags contain a variety of activities, games, art and craft materials, songs and stories. We have also created a range of mathematical learning bags to enhance children's mathematical development and speech and language development bags to promote language development.

They will be available at no cost to all Preschool children. Your child's key person will help your child to choose a bag to bring home for one 1 week before returning. There will be a feedback form in each bag to gather your child's and your views on each activity which will enable us to plan for future bags.

Additional sessions from April 2022

We have some spaces available morning, afternoon and full days from April 2022. If you require any additional sessions for your child please complete the additional sessions form attached and return to us by Friday 4th March.

Car Park

We kindly ask that when you enter the lane to the Preschool car park and whilst driving in the car park you do so slowly and with consideration to pedestrians. We also ask that all children are supervised in this area to ensure safety at all times.

Two, Three and four year old funding

Parents of 2,3 and 4 year old children eligible for the summer term funding will need to complete a parent/carer declaration, which will be given out at Preschool w/c 21st March. 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) this can be sent by email to info@bizzy-bears.com. 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 if required.

All forms need to be completed by Wednesday 30th March.

30 Hour funding eligibility

You can find out if you qualify for 30 hours of free childcare per week at 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.

Mobile telephones

As part of our Safeguarding procedures please may we remind parents and visitors to the Preschool not to access their mobile phones whilst in the building. Please can we also ask that all calls are terminated before picking up your child as this can be distracting when you child leaves the building.

Places for September 2022

We are currently registering new children for September 2022. We have spaces for children age 2-4 years. We offer funded Early learning for 2,3 and 4 year old children depending on eligibility. If you have a family member or friend that may be interested please pass on our contact details or alternatively they are welcome to email us. info@bizzy-bears.com

Changes to Coronavirus policy

Following new government guidelines issued on 24/02/22 we have amended our Coronavirus policy. A copy of all our policies can be found on Tapestry in the documents section, on our website and a paper copy is in the changing rooms at Bizzy Bears.

Healthy lunch boxes

We would like to thank parents/carer's for supporting our healthy eating policy by providing healthy lunch boxes. To continue to enable your child to make healthy choices:

- please try and limit the amount of processed foods in your child's lunch box (cracker pots, fruit flakes, processed cheese, smoothies) as these can be high in salt and sugar
- alternatives to high sugar sandwich fillings(chocolate spread, jam) could be cheese, egg, cold meat, marmite, tuna
- Please do not include sweet treats in your child's lunch box ie chocolate bars, sweets, fizzy drinks. Sweet alternatives can be malt bread, banana bread, sugar free fruit jelly or a low sugar yogurt.

Dates for your diary

Thursday 3rd March- World book day

Friday 18th March- Wear red for Comic relief

w/c 21st March- 2,3/4 and 30 hr funding contracts to be completed.

Friday 1st April - Preschool closes at 3.00pm for Easter break