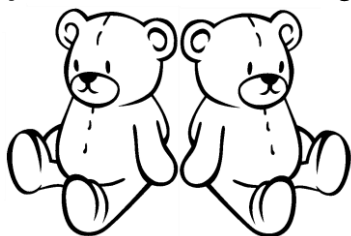


# Bizzy Bears



## Pre-School

# Newsletter

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### Autumn Term

We are already half way through our first term and all our new children are settling in well.

### Preschool Photographer

On Tuesday November 22<sup>nd</sup> we have a photographer from Little Urchins Ltd coming into Pre-School to take individual photographs. The children will have the chance to dress up in Pirate or Fairy costume and the photo set will have a magical woodland theme.

All children and families are welcome, the photographer will be at Bizzy Bears from 9.00am until 12.00pm. Please see a member of staff to arrange a time slot if your child is not in that day or if you wish your child to have their photograph taken with siblings. Children who attend a Tuesday session do not need to book a time slot unless you wish them to have a photograph with siblings.

If you do not want your child's photograph taken please inform a member of staff.

Parents will be supplied with a unique code to enable them to view their child's photographs and to make purchases online via the Little urchins website. <http://littleurchins.co.uk/>

### Resources for our Home corner

If anyone has any empty food packets/boxes from other countries we would welcome them to add to our resources in the home corner

### Children's progress

Your child's key person would like to share information on your child's progress this term with you. They will arrange a suitable time with you w/c 10<sup>th</sup> October.

### .Changing nappies

Parents/Carer's are welcome to use the changing facilities to change children's nappies before/after a session. Can we please ask that you place soiled nappies in a nappy sack and put them in the white bin provided then let a member of staff know so we can dispose of it. Thank you

### .Halloween fancy dress

We are inviting the children to come to Preschool in Halloween fancy dress on Monday 31<sup>st</sup> October (nothing too scary please!) or any fancy dress costume of their choosing.

### MacMillan Coffee and cakes

Thank you to everyone who baked cakes and brought cakes in aid of this years Macmillan appeal. With your help we raised £34.06! We will be planning some more family coffee and cake mornings later in the term to enable families to get together.

### **Home learning bags**

We are excited to be able to introduce our home learning bag scheme from w/c 10<sup>th</sup> October. The bags contain a variety of activities, games, art and craft materials, songs and stories which can be a shared learning experience at home with family.

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 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 future bags.

### **Harvest box**

This year for harvest festival we are having a swap shop we are asking all parents and carers who can to donate any tins or packaged goods. We are asking that all donations are brought in and put in a box in the changing rooms by Friday 14<sup>th</sup> October. On Monday the 17<sup>th</sup> of October the donations will be available for Preschool families to help themselves and any remaining donations will be delivered to a local foodbank.

Please let us know if you have any questions.

### **Snack charges**

As you may be aware, the Childcare funding that we receive for each child who access's a funded space (2,3/4 and 30hr) is considerably lower than our session fees.

We ask parents/carer's to make a voluntary 30p contribution towards snack costs per session by sending a snack fee invoice at the start of each half term.

We really appreciate these contributions as it enable's us to continue to supply healthy snacks and to purchase ingredients for cooking activities which the children really enjoy.

### **Children's belongings**

Please can we ask that all children bring in a spare change of clothes in a named bag (underwear, socks, trousers, top) in the event that need changing whilst at Preschool. In the event that we need to supply Preschool clothes to your child please can we ask that you wash and return them due to our stock of spare clothes being limited. We also ask that all children have a change of indoor shoes to put on when they arrive at Preschool(named slippers, plimsolls).

As the weather is getting colder please can we ask that the children bring in weather appropriate clothing ie named waterproof suit, boots, hat and gloves as we continue to use the garden.

### **Baby Bizzy Bear**

To enable the children to share their news from home, we have put together a take home Bizzy Bear which the children can take home, play and have some adventures with. Please can we ask that you help your child to draw a picture, take a photograph or up load a photograph onto your child's Tapestry profile, so that they can share their adventure with us at Preschool.

### **School Admissions**

If your child turns 4 before 31<sup>st</sup> August 2023 its time to apply for their primary school place. To help you make this decision you can contact schools of your choosing to book a visit.

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 15<sup>th</sup> January 2023 at 5pm.

### **Dates for your diary**

Monday 24<sup>th</sup> October to Friday 28<sup>th</sup> October –Half term

Monday 31<sup>st</sup> October – New term starts

Tuesday 22<sup>nd</sup> November 9.00am-12.00pm- Preschool Photographer