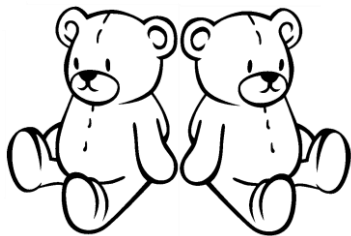


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Newsletter January/ February 2023

Spring Term

A very '*Happy New Year*' to all our children and their families. We are looking forward to a new term with lots of learning opportunities. We would also like to say 'hello' and a warm welcome to our new children and their families who will be joining us this term.

Wow Moments from home

We are aware that the children also do a lot of learning at home and we would love to hear from you when you see them doing something that makes you proud. You can add your observations and photographs from home onto your child's Tapestry journal for us to share with them. We will publish a tutorial on how to upload your observations from home on our face book page and email it to all parents. We look forward to sharing your observations from home.

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.

Bank staff

We are pleased to welcome Suzanne back to Bizzy Bears. She will be working alongside the Preschool staff team due to numbers of children increasing while we look to recruit a new member of staff.

Home learning bags

We are excited to be able to introduce our home learning bag scheme from w/c 30th January. 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.

Introducing Signing

The benefits of introducing signing to young children as a communication and development tool, we feel would be beneficial to all the children in our setting. Early Years signing supports spoken language, it gives all children a way to get their meaning across reducing frustration. Signing has not been found to inhibit or reduce speech on the contrary, it often increases speech. Signing has been shown to improve children's confidence and communication skills enabling them to express themselves creatively. We shall be introducing key words that the children use on a daily basis at snack time and at circle time through familiar songs. We will demonstrate our signs on Tapestry so all families can become familiar with them. You can also find more information at www.bbc.co.uk/cbeebies/grownups/british-sign-language-and-Makaton

Severe Weather conditions

In the unlikely event that Bizzy Bears has to remain closed due to severe weather conditions (heavy snow) we will post this information on our Facebook page, Preschool website www.bizzy-bears.com and send an memo to all parents via tapestry.

Facebook and Instagram

We would like to inform all parents and carers that we have a Preschool facebook page. The prime use for this page will be to display photographs of activities which we have carried out (no children's faces will be included in these photographs), displaying reminders such as funding dates and Preschool events. Please like our page and check regularly for any updates.

Please note we will not be using this page to receive messages as it will not be checked on a regular basis so please continue to telephone or email us in the usual way.

Emergency Procedure

Bizzy Bears Pre-school is required to draw up an emergency procedure which is to be followed in the event of an incident within Pre-school hours where we have to vacate the building and are unable to return. To make all parents/carers aware the staff and children will walk the short distance to **St Andrews school, Ecton Brook road, Ecton Brook 01604 406486** where parents/carers will be contacted and asked to collect their children.

Valentine party day!

On Thursday 9th and Friday 10th February the children are welcome to come to Preschool dressed in red/pink or love hearts for a day filled with fun. We will be baking valentine treats, making heart crafts and enjoying a valentine disco!

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 upload a photograph onto your child's Tapestry profile, so that they can share their adventure with us at Preschool.

Resources for our Home corner

We would like to enable the children to explore real resources in our home corner just like at home! We are looking for any old or unwanted small kitchen items; wooden or metal utensils, cake tins, toaster, kettle, (we will remove the plugs) fruit bowl, melamine/wooden plates, mugs and empty food packets from other countries.

Dates for your diary

Thursday 9th and Friday 10th February – Valentine party day

Friday 10th February - Bizzy Bears closes for half term

Tuesday 21st February – Preschool opens

Thursday 2nd March - World book day