

## Teddy Bears Preschool

Dear Parents and Carers,

With Autumn upon us already, and the darker nights drawing in so rapidly, we have lots of exciting events and dates for the diary to keep us busy.

Starting the term, the children were busy working on crafts of The Little Red Hen for our display at Newbury Show. Thank you to all those that popped along to the Educational Tent to see the children's fabulous creations.

The Newbury Show set us off perfectly with the terms theme of Farm to Fork. Looking at Farmyards, harvesting crops to exploring different foods.

### Announcements

A warm welcome to two new families, who joined Teddy Bears this Autumn Term, Dotty and Meadow.

### Fundraising Pyjamas Day

Wednesday 10<sup>th</sup> October children are welcome to come into preschool wearing their PJ's. Please see posters for details.

### Autumn Scavenger Hunt

Over the October Half Term, we have set the children a little challenge of a sponsored scavenger hunt competition.

Last week all children should have received a brown paper bag in their tray, with a list of items they will need to collect. Please let us know if your little one did not come home with it in their bag. Please sponsor your child over the Half Term and help them find the objects. Children who have raised the most and collected all the items will receive a child friendly prize. Funds raised will go towards purchasing a Bug Hotel for the preschools garden. Please ensure that children bring in their items in the brown paper bag, in the first week after Half Term.

We have put a target thermometer on display in the entrance foyer, so we can all keep an eye on how we are getting on.

### Halloween

This year we are having a Halloween dress up day and Halloween party in the afternoon. Please see flyers for details.

### Spaces

We currently have spaces for after the October half term. If a younger sibling is approaching preschool age or if you know of anybody looking to enroll their child at a preschool, please do ask them to get in touch with us.

### Extra Sessions

Please do let us know as soon as possible if you would like to make any changes or would like additional days.

### ECAT – Every Child A Talker

Teddy Bears is part of Every Child A Talker (ECAT) initiative within West Berkshire. Allowing us to monitor and track a child's social and communication skills. Reading and talking with your child

For the safety of the children, pedestrians and other drivers, can we please remind you that it is a 40-mph speed limit along the Lambourne Road/B4000.



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## Future Dates

**Tuesday 18<sup>th</sup> September**

Teddy Bears AGM

7.15pm for 7.30pm start

**23<sup>rd</sup> - 27<sup>th</sup> October**

Half term

**Tuesday 31<sup>st</sup> October**

Return back to preschool

**Tuesday 7<sup>th</sup> November**

Bags2school 9am collection

**Wednesday 20<sup>th</sup> December**

Nativity Play and Party

**21<sup>st</sup> December - 8<sup>th</sup> January 2018**

Christmas Holidays

**Tuesday 9<sup>th</sup> January 2018**

Return back to preschool

### Overdue Payment Policy

We reserve the right to charge an additional weekly £15 overdue payment fee, if unpaid within the 28 days.

Thanking you for working with us and ensuring that invoices are paid on time.

All invoicing enquires will be dealt with by the Treasurer going forward. Please ensure any payments are in a labelled sealed envelope.

**Please note we still have some invoices which are currently outstanding.**

If you have books or objects at home which also relate to the termly theme, children are welcome to come them in and we can talk about them during circle time. Please ensure the items are labelled with your child's name.



is a very important aspect of a child's development. Please take advantage of borrowing books from preschool. Every third Tuesday the library bus comes to preschool. The children are encouraged to go out to the bus and self-select books, which we can look at together and read to them. We try to link other books to the topic we are looking at for the term.

If you have any concerns regarding your child's speech and/or language development, please discuss this with your child's keyworker.

Family Wellbeing Hub in Thatcham offer a Speech and Language drop in session, every 1<sup>st</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> Tuesday of the month 9:15 – 11:45am.

### **Christmas Hamper**

Christmas seems a long way off, but it is only 80 odd days away!!!

To get you in the festive spirit we will be having a Christmas raffle with the chance to win a Christmas hamper. Tickets will be available to purchase from Preschool and Panda Club, after the October half term. Tickets will be priced at £1.00 per ticket. Proceeds will go to the Preschool. The raffle will be drawn on Wednesday 13<sup>th</sup> December.

We are looking for parents to kindly donate a prize to go in the hamper. For example, Christmas pudding, Christmas crackers, Brandy sauce, a bottle of mulled wine, mince pies, chutney, bottle of wine, cranberry sauce, box of chocolates, biscuits.

### **Christmas card Fundraiser**

Children have already been working hard to produce their Christmas cards designs.

We have been offered a fabulous discount on all orders placed before 12<sup>th</sup> October 2018. To take advantage of this offer, can all orders for Christmas cards be returned, back to preschool by Tuesday 9<sup>th</sup> October, to allow the order to arrive in time.

Aside from the Christmas cards there are also all sorts of gifts to purchase with your child's artwork on it. For more information please speak with Liz. A percentage of the proceeds will be given to Teddy Bears Preschool. Please note orders will not be accepted after this time.

### **Christmas Nativity and Party**

The Nativity play will be held on 20<sup>th</sup> December, at Boxford Church. Full details to follow.

### **Annual General Meeting (AGM)**

Teddy Bears held its AGM on 28<sup>th</sup> September where we reviewed the past years finances. A huge thank you to Dexter's and Harry's mummy for taking time out to attend the meeting. Without help and support from parents the preschool is unable to operate. If you can help the preschool in any way, from donation a cake to help with fundraising ideas, please contact Sarah. We always welcome and very much appreciate your ongoing support.