

## Teddy Bears Preschool

Dear Parents and Carers,

We hope you all enjoying the sunshine.

As we are having such glorious weather at the moment, we would like to remind you to bring your child's sun hats and ask that sun cream is applied before arriving to preschool. We do have sun cream which is applied regularly. If you would prefer your child to wear a specific sun cream, can you please supply a labelled bottle of sun cream which can be left in your child's tray.

We have lots of exciting events and dates for the diary, already for this year. Please keep an eye on our Facebook page too.

This term the children have been looking at Kings, Queens and Castles, to tie in with the Royal Wedding on the 19<sup>th</sup> May. The children had a wonderful royal celebratory lunch.

If you have books/objects at home relating to the terms theme, children are welcome to bring them in. We will be discussing them during circle time. Where possible, can all items be labelled with your child's name.

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### Parents Afternoon

Thank you to everyone that came along to our parents afternoon. We always welcome your feedback.

If you haven't already please log onto Tapestry to view your little ones learning journal. If you have having difficulty logging in or you have forgotten your log in details please email Sarah.

### New starters

We would like to welcome Mary and Meghan who have recently joined us at Teddy Bears.



### Future Dates:

**28<sup>th</sup> May – 1<sup>st</sup> June 2018**  
Half term

**Tuesday 5<sup>th</sup> June**  
Return back to preschool

**Wednesday 13<sup>th</sup> June 2018**  
Father's Day Afternoon 1.30 – 2.45pm

**Saturday 30<sup>th</sup> June 2018**  
Boxford Duck Race and BBQ  
From 3.30pm

**Thursday 5<sup>th</sup> July 2018**  
Summer Outing

**Saturday 7<sup>th</sup> July 2018**  
Family Fun Afternoon 2 – 4pm

**Thursday 12<sup>th</sup> July 2018**  
Sports Day

**Wednesday 18<sup>th</sup> July 2018**  
Leavers Presentation 2pm

**19<sup>th</sup> July 2018**  
Summer Holidays begin

**Tuesday 6<sup>th</sup> November 2018**  
Bags2school

### PE Kit/change of clothes

Can all children come in wearing PE kits on a Tuesday (tracksuit bottoms/shorts, trainers and a t-shirt).

A change of clothes, (including socks pants/nappies) should be brought into preschool each day.

If your child comes home wearing an item from preschool, can the item be washed/dried and returned the following day.



## Teddy Bears Crafty Craft

After a successful day on Monday 7th May, we raised £395.00. Thank you to everyone that came along to support us. We managed to make it to the front page of the NWN.

## Newbury Weekly News



## Thank you

Our Easter Egg Hunt this year was an absolute success. Thank you to all those that helped buy selling tickets, donating prizes and coming along to join us on Saturday 24th March Bears Easter. We managed to raise £378.56

We would like to congratulate Nikki (Joshua's Mummy) for successfully completing a SAS survival weekend. Nikki managed to raise £135.50 in aid of Teddy Bears Preschool.

Would like also like to thank Sasha and Jon (Rhys's Auntie and Uncle) for their fantastic efforts in completing the Windsor Half Marathon. They managed to raise £544.00 in aid for Teddy Bears Preschool.

The funds raised will go towards improving our outdoor learning.

We always welcome everyone's efforts with raising funds for the Preschool and on matched funding.

Thank you for your continued support. The Preschool can only run with your help and support.

## Summer Outing

We are hoping to visit Finkley Down Farm on Thursday 5th July. Full details will be sent out in the new term.

## Sports Day

Teddy Bears Sports Day will be on Thursday 12th July, from 9.30. Refreshments and ice creams will be on sale throughout the morning.

## Committee

If you would like more information with regards to becoming a committee member then please speak to the Preschool Manager, Sarah Phillips.

We are always looking for new members to join our committee. Without a committee, the Preschool cannot run.



## Ofsted

We are delighted that we received Good rating from Ofsted. If you would like to read the report, please visit

<https://reports.ofsted.gov.uk/inspection-reports/find-inspection-report/provider/CARE/EY478571>



## Family Fun Day

This year we will be holding a Princess and Pirate themed Family Fun Day on Saturday 7th July 2018 2 – 4pm.

## Ice cream sale

In the new term, from June we will be selling ice creams after preschool.



Please like our Teddy Bears and Panda Club Facebook pages to follow all our posts and events.

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.

## September Spaces

We are planning ahead for the September term. Would you mind confirming which sessions you would like your little one to attend? Thank you to all those that have already submitted which sessions you would like.

## Questionnaire Feedback

Thank you to everyone that completed and returned the questionnaire. If you haven't already had your say, there is still time, please return the questionnaire by the end of the week. We really do value your feedback and comments,

Looking at the feedback from the questionnaires that we have received back, going forward we will be charging for additional trips. We are currently looking into potentially opening a Friday morning with lunch club, June to July. To make this viable we need a minimum number of 8 children. Would you mind confirming ASAP if you would like your child to attend a Friday morning session.

## Paperwork

The General Data Protection Regulation (GDPR) is a new law that will come into effect on 25th May 2018 to replace the current Data Protection Act.

We would love to keep you up to date with relevant information about our Preschool. We're asking all our families and supporters to opt-in so that we can continue to contact you with our latest news, including timetables/play plans, events and other fundraising opportunities. Even if you think you have done this before, and you currently receive our emails, please take a couple of minutes to complete the short form if you would like us to stay in touch!

We will be asking all our families over the next week to let us know how you would like to be contacted. If you respond and we have your up-to-date contact preferences, you will only be asked this directly once - don't worry, we'll try not to keep asking you!

If you have any outstanding paperwork, including Tapestry, Preferences or Funding forms still at home would you mind completing and returning before the end of term. If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact us.

## Invoices

Invoices are due 17th May. If you are having difficulty making payment please contact Sarah as soon as possible. Thank you if you have already arranged payment.

## Matched Funding

We are looking for some extra help and we are hoping you can help. If the company you work for offers matched funding would you mind getting in touch with Sarah.

## Staff

It is with sad news that we inform you that April and Jack will be leaving us, at the end of term. We would like to take this opportunity to wish April and her family all the best for the future.

## Lunch boxes

We would like to remind you, when preparing your child's lunch that items do not contain nuts, including bread, cereals bars, Nutella, yogurts. Can you please ensure that grapes and cherry/plum tomatoes are cut length ways to avoid choking.

## Father's Day

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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.

To celebrate Father's Day, we would like to invite all Daddy's, Uncle's and Grandad's in for the afternoon on 13th June 13.30 - 14.45. The children will be serving bacon butties and taking orders for drinks.

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