



Newsletter

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Welcome

It is amazing to think that John Bear's Nursery has been open less than three months but what a great three months it has been. During that time we have been pleased to welcome some new children to the nursery. They have all settled in well and definitely look like they are enjoying being Little Teddies. Everyone has been enjoying the beautiful autumn days with lots of play outside, with our tea club children still exploring out there until it is almost dark. There has been some great learning going on inside too, including a visit from PC Magee. He talked to the children about what police officers do, before letting them sit in the police car while he explained the different sirens.

We are now looking forward to our Christmas activities with songs being learnt and resources being gathered. Please check the Dates for your Diary section to make sure you don't miss out on any of the excitement.

Finally we are very pleased to announce that we now have our own telephone number. Please feel able to come and talk to us about any questions and queries you might have but don't forget that you can now get through to us on **01263 734028** from 7.15a.m until 6.15p.m.

Dates for your Diary

26.11.18 John of Gaunt Advent Fayre 3.00-4.30p.m

4.12.18 Open Session for our January starters

5.12.18 Christmas themed sessions

12.12.18 Christmas Celebration 11.00-12.00

13.12.18 John Bear's Nursery Family Learning Session 9.00-10.00a.m all children welcome to attend

14.12.18 Christmas Jumper Day for Save the Children £1 donation

14.12.18 Christmas Celebration 2.00-3.00p.m

18.12.18 Christmas Dinner

18.12.18 - Nursery closes for Christmas and reopens on 3:01:19

Christmas Dinner

Just a reminder that Tuesday 18th December it is our Christmas Dinner day. We will all be sitting together to have our lunch that day. There is no obligation for your child to have a Christmas Dinner. However, if they would like to the cost is £2.20. Please see Claire Nutt in the office before Monday 3rd December to book their meal.

Christmas Tree

Do you have any Christmas Tree connections ? As we now have a lovely spacious nursery, this Christmas we would like to have a real Christmas tree to put in it for the children. If you know of an organisation or an individual who might be willing to donate a Christmas tree, we would love to hear from you.

Tesco Bags of Help Grant Scheme

We are very pleased to announce that our application to the Tesco Bags of Help Grant Scheme has been successful. Please look out for the John Bear's Nursery's project in the Aylsham Tesco store during January and February 2019 and post your blue token in the box. We would be grateful if you could spread the word and let family and friends know too. Our aim is to replace some of the older furniture with new tables and chairs, buy a new garage and add to our outside resources

Fleeces for Outside Learning

The nursery have recently purchased some new waterproof jackets and trousers so that the children can continue their explorations outside whatever the weather. Unfortunately, the waterproof jackets will not fit over the top of the children's coats, so if your child has a fleece at home could you bring it in for your child so that they could keep it on their peg. Then when they go outside we can keep them warm and dry, without them getting their coats wet or dirty.

Also, as the weather is now changing and starting to get colder please can you make sure that you send your child with hats, scarves and gloves as appropriate.

Car Parking

Just a reminder that the nursery car park is for the use of parents with children at John Bears' Nursery. Many of our parents have younger babies so are managing car seats, pushchairs or toddlers, and we ask that you be considerate of that when choosing where to park. The car park at the Jubilee Centre is available for those parents with children at John of Gaunt. Please can you remind your children that no scooters or bikes should be ridden inside the school gates. For reasons of safety, this includes the paths in the nursery car park too.

Woodwork

We aim to give the children in the nursery a wide range of opportunities to learn and develop new skills. Currently, we are looking to include woodwork in the activities we have on offer. The tools and techniques will be introduced gradually in small groups with careful adult supervision. The ultimate aim is for the children to be able to access the woodwork table independently after they have demonstrated their skills and their understanding of how to use the tools safely. However, we need a supply of smallish off-cuts of soft wood. If you have access to any of these or know someone who does please could you let us know.

Important reminder

- Please remember that if your child has suffered from diarrhoea or vomiting they need to stay away from the nursery for 48 hours after they last showed any symptoms.

For further updates then please see the John Bear's Nursery Facebook page.

