



Newsletter

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Welcome

Another busy term at John Bear's Nursery is drawing to a close. There has been lots of learning going on with the children exploring everything from fresh peas to blue gloop (sorry about the blue hands). The weather has meant lots of opportunities outside with looking for worms and other mini beasts being a big favourite at the moment alongside woodwork sessions and playing in the big tyres.

Our Family Learning Day was a great success and thank you to all of you who were able to attend, including all the grandparents, aunts, uncles and friends who supported the children. We are waiting patiently to see what the seed bombs 'explode' in to.

This term has seen the numbers of our 'Little Bears' grow again and we hope that all the children who have started this term, and who are about to start next term, feel very welcome in the Nursery.

We have also welcomed some new members of staff including Miss Mason, who works in the afternoon and tea club sessions, as well as lots of wonderful bank staff who are often called on to work at very short notice. Please have a look at the photos on the door in the entrance way if you are not sure who we all are.

Dates for your Diary

2.4.19 –Class Photos

5.4.19 - Spring Assembly and Easter Hat Parade

**Nursery closes for term time only
Little Bears on Friday 5th April
and opens for them again on
Tuesday 23rd April.**

Looking forward....

3.7.19 - Nursery summer trip –to be confirmed

Book bags

It is really important that you check your children's book bags regularly for correspondence from the Nursery and school.

Please look out for invoices which should be in there by the end of this week.

Calpol at Nursery

If your child is unwell or has a raised temperature then we would prefer them to stay at home until they feel well enough to manage their session at Nursery without the help of calpol. This minimises the risk of the illness being passed on.

Calpol will only be given at Nursery at the discretion of either the Manager, Ms Firth or the Deputy Manager, Miss Seals, and a medicine form must be filled in first. All medicines are stored away from the children in the kitchen. Please do not leave any medication in their bags.

World Book Day

A huge thank you for making our World Book Day such a success. The children all looked fabulous in their costumes and it was wonderful to see the children sharing stories with you at the beginning of their session. Remember reading stories isn't just for World Book Day and the children learn so much from having stories shared at home. Keep snuggling up with a book.

Tesco Bags of Help Grant Scheme

Thank you to everyone who posted their blue tokens for John Bears Nursery . We are pleased to announce that thanks to your generosity we gained the most tokens and will receive the top prize of £4,000. The money will be used to invest in some new tables and chairs, a wooden garage and wooden construction equipment. We have rather a long list but will let you know how the money is being spent.

Car Parking

Just another 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.

We are aware that some parents from BVS are using the car park and Mrs Toplis has spoken to Mr Olney about this

We also ask that cars are parked and engines turned off so as not to pollute our atmosphere any further and also to protect our young children and yourselves whilst waiting to drop off.

General Reminders

- 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 have had their last incident.
- Please can you make sure that your child has at least one change of clothing in a bag on their peg, and that you check them and top them up if required. The same applies to nappies, nappy bags and wipes.
- Please can you name all your children's clothes, including nursery t-shirts and sweatshirts.

Easter Hat Parade and Spring Assembly

All the children who attend the Friday afternoon session will be joining in the annual hat parade and Spring Assembly on Friday 5th April starting at 1.45pm.

The whole school will be sharing this assembly and in order to accommodate everyone, including the Little Bears, it will be held at the Jubilee Family Centre to allow the space to facilitate this.

We would really like all the children to make an Easter Hat for this day, which is always judged by the Easter Bunny and prizes are awarded. At 1.45pm we would then love you to line the pathway across the field and to the Jubilee Family Centre so that the children can parade their hats for you all to see. The children will then leave their hats in the entrance and take their places in the hall and you will then be able to follow in behind. We will then have our assembly and afterwards we will ask you to once again line the pathway for us and then the children will parade back down the path to school or nursery. As it is the last day of term you will then be able to take your child home if you wish as soon as they have returned to nursery and collected all their things. We hope this will be a fun and special time for us all to be together as a school community and be a great way to finish the term and start the Easter holidays. Easter hats can be as simple or as complicated as you like so let your creative flare flow. Remember to let the children have some part in designing and making their hats! You can always wear one yourself if you would like to join in!

If your child does not usually attend on a Friday afternoon you are still very welcome to come and join us, but you must stay with your child.

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