



Teddy Bears Nursery School Newsletter- April 2021

STAFF CHANGES

This month Katie Leggett begins her maternity leave & we wish her luck with her imminent arrival. We would like to welcome Chantelle Taylor to the team who will replace Katie in the Panda group and be working full time. Chantelle is NVQ 3 qualified and has lots of years of experience caring for little ones as well as having her own child.

We also have 2 new apprentices joining the team, Clara Surtees in the Koala's & Layla Stanton in the Polar's. This is to maintain keeping our group bubbles separate during the whole nursery day ensuring we continue the fight against Covid, keeping everyone safe.

WHATS GOING ON IN THE CLASSROOMS

The polar group is focusing on the story 'The Hungry Caterpillar' observing their own caterpillars growing & having fun participating in creative caterpillar activities. They will also be planting seeds & learning lots of terms such as leaf, roots, petal etc. If you could support your child's learning of this by encouraging investigation in your own gardens it would be great.

The Koala group are very interested in 'People who help us' at the moment and will be having fun with fireman Sam activities.

The sunshines are looking at how they have grown so need a baby photo to show how they have changed. They will also be measuring themselves on a height tree & reading stories about growth.

The Panda group will be looking at baby animals having fun with songs & books

SAFEGAURDING ALL CHILDREN

Can we please remind all parents that there is a **NO SMOKING** policy on the whole of the nursery grounds, which includes the Carpark. It is not a very good example to children if they look out of the window and see people smoking in their cars, so please refrain! The use of Mobile phones is not allowed **ANYWHERE ON NURSERY GROUNDS** so can we please ask this is adhered to including relatives who may accompany you or do the drop offs / pickups of your child. This policy is to safeguard **ALL THE CHILDREN** so please do not chat on your phones in your cars.

It has also been observed that some children have travelled to nursery in cars/vans without being safely restrained in the correct child seats, this is against the law which states.....**The law** requires all **children** travelling in the front or rear seat of any **car**, van or goods vehicle must use the correct **child car** seat until they are either 135 cm in height or 12 years old (which ever they reach first). So please don't take a chance and keep your child safe when travelling.



EASTER CLOSURE 2nd – 5th April

We would like to remind parents we will be closed for the Easter bank holiday weekend. You will not be charged for these days.





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Caterpillars

From mid-April each Polar group child will be having their own caterpillar to watch it grow into a Butterfly. At close quarters they can observe the stages & changes as the Caterpillar grows bigger, creates a cocoon then emerges as a beautiful Butterfly, before we set the butterflies free in our garden.

We plan to keep parents updated with the developments of this exciting event with weekly tapestry posts which you can share & discuss with your child.

ST GEORGES DAY- Friday 23RD APRIL

We would like to invite the children to dress up on this day to help celebrate the story of St George and the Dragon. Princes, Princesses, knights and dragons will all be welcome and we plan to have lots of fun activities during this special day.



WHAT'S GOING ON IN THE GARDEN?

Polar Bears- This group will be sorting our garden out planting some seeds & plants observing them as they grow.

Koala Bears – These children will be practicing their balancing skills through planned activities building confidence to take risks.

Sunshine Bears These little ones will be planting seeds in old wellie boots to make the garden look amazing

Panda Bears – These little ones will be planting their own sunflower seeds which they can bring home when established & having fun with the water outside.

APRIL BIRTHDAYS

We have four Birthdays this month.

