



## Teddy Bears Nursery School Newsletter- July 2021

### SUNSHINE BEARS

These little ones are focusing on 'Above & below' so there will be lots of water play with sharks, boats & fish with sand & shells. Observing Aeroplanes & birds in the sky will also be encouraged & this is something you can do at home too.

### PANDA BEARS

This group is planning lots of water play indoors & outside. Sensory experiences with an edible seaside of jelly & biscuits will be a real treat! Seaside songs such as 10 little fish will be a must.

### KOALA BEARS

This group is continuing their interest in the story 'Aliens love underpants' & will be creating their own Aliens & constructing space rockets from a variety of resources such as stickle bricks & Duplo bricks. The children will be sharing the story in a group again & again discussing the events & parents could also do this at home.

### POLAR BEARS

These children will be preparing for their transition to school with lots of stories about starting school & the role play corner will become a school. We will be providing lots of reassurance for all the children & encouraging them to talk about any worries they have.

### CAR PARK

We kindly request all parents drive in and out of the car park with extreme care. This is not only due to cyclist on the pavement, but to be aware of the safety of the children in our car park.



### IMPORTANT POINTS AND REMINDERS

- Changing Sessions: Could we please remind parents that due to staff ratio's it is really difficult for us to swap days or sessions.
- Holiday Charge: We do not charge for the permanent 8 Bank holidays and the week between Christmas and New Year, however all other times are charged. Fees are still due even if your child is off sick or on holiday.
- Holiday: Please make sure you give at least two weeks' notice before your holiday, for us to deduct the charges for meals.
- Early Drop Offs and Late Pick Ups: We would appreciate it if you could keep to your session times and do not bring or collect your children more than 5 minutes outside of their session times, unless you have made prior arrangements with the nursery.
- Lunchtimes: Could we please ask parents to try not to phone the nursery between 12 and 1 pm. This is the busiest period of the day and all hands are on deck! It can cause quite a disruption when staff have to answer the phone, however obviously emergencies are an exception!
- Please clearly label lunch boxes, shoes, bottles, cups, coats and dummies as this prevents a great deal of upset and inconvenience when items get lost or mixed up.
- Please could we ask parents not to allow their children to bring toys or valuable items to nursery as it can cause issues with others & our Covid procedures don't allow it. The bags provided for Koalas and Polars are for changes of clothes only.



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### WHAT IS GOING ON IN THE GARDEN?

**Panda Bear** – This group will be experiencing lots water play, getting wet as well as building sandcastles in the sand pit.

**Sunshine Bears** – These children will be having water fun too adding sea creatures, sand & shells as they explore under the sea.

**Koala Bears** – This group is are continuing their interest in building ramps as they create their own obstacle courses.

**Polar Bears** –This group will be having lots of fun enjoying all the activities in the garden as they choose what they want to explore & play with as it's the last month for most of them.

### OFF TO SCHOOL

Sadly, we must say goodbye to the children who are leaving Teddy Bears this month to go onto school. We wish them lots of luck and we will miss them. We hope they will come back and visit us.



### POLARS SUMMER CONCERT

Reminder to all Polar parents you should have had a letter to inform you of the concert details & when to bring your child's costume to nursery. If you have any questions please see Sam, Helen or Michelle. We are aiming to start the concert at 6.15 so please be here seated promptly before this time.

We are waiting for the announcement on the 19<sup>th</sup> July regarding the lifting of Covid 19 restrictions. If we are allowed more than 30 people in the garden 2 people per child will be able to attend the concert.

### STAFF CHANGES

Mai has now left to start her maternity leave & we wish her lots of luck with the arrival of her little one next month.

Katie Campbell in the Polar bears has decided on a change in direction of career & is leaving this month. There will be some room changes for staff in September & your child may be changing groups which you will be informed of in August.

### LEAVERS PICNIC- 28<sup>th</sup> JULY 2021 10.30 – 12.30pm

On this date we have organized a special event for all the school leavers in the Polar Bear group. All children are invited to a picnic at Portchester Castle at 10.30am on Wednesday 28<sup>th</sup> July where we will have some fun games and yummy food. Children attending nursery on this date will walk with staff to the castle and all other Polar Bears are welcome to join us there with their parents. Please speak to Sam, Helen or Michelle if you have any questions. This event is also subject to any changes in Covid restrictions.

### JULY BIRTHDAYS

We have four birthdays this month.

