



# Autumn Term Newsletter 2018

Welcome back to all our children and a warm welcome to our new children and their families. We hope you all had a lovely relaxing and enjoyable summer holiday.

## Thank you gifts

The staff would like to thank parents and their children for the lovely thank you gifts and cards they received at the end of last term. They feel very much appreciated for all their hard work in looking after all your amazing children.

## Term Dates

### Autumn Term

Tuesday 4th September – Friday 14th December  
Half Term 23rd – 26th October 2018

### Spring Term

Tuesday 8th January – Friday 5th April 2019  
Half Term 19th – 22nd February 2019

### Summer Term

Tuesday 23rd April – Friday 19th July  
Half Term 28th May – 31st May 2019

## Autumn Term Topics

For the first half of the Autumn Term the children at Bear Hugs will be reading and sharing traditional fairytale stories. During the second half of the Autumn Term the children will be looking at Autumn leaves, animals, birds and planting bulbs ready for Spring. In addition, the children will be learning about Bonfire Night, Children in Need and Christmas.

## Bug Hotel

New this term is our very own Bug Hotel. The children will be involved in filling the hotel with items such as wood, fir cones, bamboo. As the bugs move into their hotel in the nursery garden, the children will be encouraged to observe the various bugs to develop their understanding of nature.

## Parent Involvement Form

Please see the attached Parent Involvement Form, which you are invited to complete and return to the nursery. This information is used to help plan relevant activities to support your child's learning and development.

## Book Bags

Each child will be invited to select a book of their choice from our Bear Hugs' library to bring home and share with their family. The children will be provided with a red named book bag to bring and return the library book in each week. We hope you will enjoy reading and looking at the books with your child.

## **Choking hazards**

Children can easily and quickly choke on food. To prevent this happening we ask if you put grapes and/or baby tomatoes in your child's lunch box, that can lodge in a child's throat, you cut them into four pieces. In addition, please do not leave any food/sweets in your child's personal bag, as your child could start to eat them without adult supervision.

## **Clothing**

We use the garden all year round so we ask that children have soft indoor shoes, such as velcro plimsolls and a change of outdoor shoes, such as velcro trainers or wellington boots. In addition, coats are essential every day with a recommendation to include a hat and gloves for the colder weather. A full change of clothing should be brought into every session in your child's bag in case of spillages, accidents or playing outside.

## **Personal Possessions**

It is essential that all items brought into nursery by your child **must** be clearly named. This includes bags, lunch boxes, drink bottles, comforters, shoes and clothing. The children regularly change their shoes, remove jumpers and access their drinking bottles. If they are not named it can cause distress for the child and can be very time consuming, as it can be difficult for the staff to match possessions to the children.

## **No Mobile Phones**

We would like to remind all parents/guardians that you are not allowed to use mobile phones inside the nursery, as part of safeguarding the nursery children. In addition, it is always better for you to be able to give your full attention to your child as you leave and collect them from the nursery. Should your phone ring as you are coming into the nursery, please either ignore the call or leave the nursery to take the phone call.

## **FEET, 15 and 30 Hour Funded Childcare Entitlement**

To check the most up to date information on early years funding in Surrey and how you can access it, please use the links below.

FEET information: - <https://www.surreycc.gov.uk/people-and-community/family-information-service/choosing-childcare-for-children-and-young-people/paying-for-childcare/free-early-education-for-2-year-olds-feet>

Funded Early Education for 3 and 4 year olds: - <https://www.surreycc.gov.uk/people-and-community/family-information-service/choosing-childcare-for-children-and-young-people/paying-for-childcare/funded-early-education-for-3-and-4-year-olds>

30 Hours Funded Childcare for Working Parents: - <https://www.surreycc.gov.uk/people-and-community/family-information-service/choosing-childcare-for-children-and-young-people/paying-for-childcare/30-hours-funded-childcare-for-working-parents>

Childcare Finder: - <https://familyinformationdirectory.surreycc.gov.uk/kb5/surrey/fsd/childcarefinder.page>

## **And Finally**

If you have any questions, concerns or queries about anything at Bear Hugs Nursery, please do not hesitate to speak to Fiona Fox or your child's key person. We are always happy to share information with you and help in anyway we can. Alternatively, you may contact the nursery: telephone no. 07849 657290, e-mail: [bearhugsnursery@btinternet.com](mailto:bearhugsnursery@btinternet.com) Additional information can be found on our website: [bearhugsnursery.com](http://bearhugsnursery.com) or Facebook: [@bearhugsnurseryaddestone](https://www.facebook.com/bearhugsnurseryaddestone)