



Shebbear Community School
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10th March 2017

Dear Parent/carers,

Little Bears Pre-school welcome you to our warm and friendly sessions, and welcomes any ideas.

Each child has their own key person and you will be able to find the information about your child's key person and their role in the front cover of your child's home diary.

Snacks are provided throughout the day taking into account any child's dietary needs, and this can range from a variety of cereals, a choice of fresh fruit, breadsticks, crackers, toast, and raisins. Fresh milk or water is available at snack and children are able to access fresh water throughout the day.

Our policies and procedures are available to view at any time and can be located in the hallway entrance.

Please would parent/carers ring into pre-school using the number above, on the first morning of your child's absence, as we note this for legal requirements and can identify if there is bad bugs or illness that other children may have.

Please find a list of our daily routines on the notice board inside the classroom.

Staff Changes

As you all know Jo has left Little Bears but we are carrying on as normal with the help of Vicky Tappin and Tina Meredith who very kindly and very quickly stepped in. Natalie has now become Deputy and this is wonderful for us all at Little Bears and Natalie is able to fill this role immediately with confidence and enthusiasm.

I would also like to say a HUGE thank you to Natalie for all her support over the last few weeks and helping to keep the pre-school running smooth. Thank you very much Natalie.

I would also like to say a BIG thank you to our Committee for all their support over the last few weeks too. It has been a very busy few weeks.

New sink and Kitchen area

Over the Easter holiday's committee have arranged for pre-school to have a new kitchen and sink area in the classroom and this also gives the children a small sink to wash their hands in the classroom.

The committee will also be painting the classroom on Saturday 1st April, meeting at 10am , if anyone can help it would be very much appreciated as many hands make light work.

Thank you.

Topic News

Over the last few weeks children have been doing lots of activities to do with

New Committee members

We are asking parent/carers if you would like to join our friendly committee at Little Bears.

At the AGM in June we will be in desperate need of a new Treasurer.

We also need new members as 14 children will be leaving in July to go school and members will drop.

We really would appreciate any help you can offer as without our parent/carer committee we would need to close the pre-school.

We need a certain number of members to open legally for Ofsted Requirements.

Being on our committee can be very rewarding, making new friends and socialising and all the fundraising helps to buy new equipment and resources for the children.

Future Activities and Events

March:

Animal Activities/ Spring Topic

Thursday 23rd March: **Mothering Sunday church service
(St Michaels Church 9.15am)**

Family and friends welcome with refreshments in the church room afterwards and then back to pre-school for those attending that day.

Easter Activities 27th to 31st March

Jane will be away from pre-school 27th to 31st March

Friday 31st March: Last day of term (Break up for Easter holidays)

April:

Tuesday 18th April First day of term

Our topic will be the hungry caterpillar as lots of children are showing an interest in Butterflies,
A lovely topic with lots of fun and learning.

May

Monday 1st may Bank Holiday

Trip to Rosemoor Friday 26th May (last day of term) All children welcome with one parent/carer.

Meeting at Rosemoor for 10am for approx. a 2-3 hours visit, we have use of a classroom and all parent/carers and children take a packed lunch. Our theme for the visit will be colours.

Half Term 29th May to 2nd June inclusive

June

Monday 5th June Non pupil day

Sunday 18th June Fundraising Tractor run

Friday 30th June Occasional day (No pre-school)

July

Monday 3rd July Occasional day (No pre-school)

Preschool summer trip to Bude beach

Thursday 6th July

Reserve date if raining Thursday 13th July

Leavers (saying goodbye) coffee and cake morning Friday 21st July

We like to say goodbye to all the children leaving and going to school and welcome parent/carers in for a coffee and a slice of cake.

Tuesday 25th July Last day of term

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Dates for your Diary

Harvest service

Tuesday 11th October 2016

Meeting at St Michael's church, Shebbear .9.15am, Family and friends welcome.
Children welcome to bring something for the harvest table.

Individual photos

Thursday 13th October 2016, At the Shebbear primary school, slots from 3pm-4pm. There is a list on the classroom door.

Baby sale

Saturday 15th October 2016
12-4pm Shebbear village hall

Autumn Half term break:

Monday 24th-Friday 28th October inclusive

Winter Outing: November/December Atlantic village

Details to follow **all pre-school children will be welcome with one adult**

Ladies night

Saturday 26th November 2016
Shebbear village hall.

Children's Nativity

Thursday 8th December 9.15am at St Michael's church, Shebbear. Family and friends all welcome.

Last day of term

Friday 16th December and our Children's Christmas party (session time 9-1) with Father Christmas visit at 11.30 am, followed by refreshments.

All pre-school children welcome to our party, and parent/carers welcome back at 11.15 just in time to welcome Father Christmas.

Children welcome to wear party clothes.

Bring and share party food, a list will be up on the door in December.

(No packed lunches needed this day).