Shebbear Community School
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17<sup>th</sup> April 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.

## Welcome back to our summer term

We would like to say a warm welcome to Vicky Tappin as our new pre-school assistant at little bears and welcome Vicky to our happy team.

Welcome to Jack Bond and Zachary Newstead who is now joining Little Bears, and wish them both lots of fun and happiness.

# New Kitchen and freshly painted classroom

Thank you so much for all committee who helped to paint our classroom, it looks so fresh and bright now and our new kitchen looks very modern and clean, Thank you.

A Huge Thank you must go to Hayley and Kate who have been busy over the Easter holidays getting this project sorted.

THANK YOU VERY MUCH.

### **Topic News**

We will have a few days to settle in back to pre-school, and will then be following our new topic The very hungry caterpillar, if anyone has any books, resources, pictures we would love to borrow them or share with others at circle time

## Activities learning through play.

How does a caterpillar grow? What does he become?

Sensory soft and wiggly

Caterpillars prints (finger painting)

Feeling hungry

How much food does he eat?

What does he eat?

Caterpillar bodies

Counting segments

A caterpillar's face

Leaf patterns

Growing small to big

Curling in a ball

Making a chrysalis

Butterfly wings and patterns

Cutting shapes for a butterfly pattern

Pattern matching

Singing fly, fly the Butterfly

Butterfly ice shapes

### New Committee members

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

#### Telephone numbers

Please would you be able to ask a member of staff to check that we still have all your correct home phone numbers, mobiles and emails, and emergency contacts.

Thank you very much.

#### 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.

### Children's daily Diaries

#### **Future**

We would love for you to pass on any information from home in your child's daily diary.

This helps to talk with your child about anything they have experienced at home with you or your family.

This can be places your child has made a visit too, someone that may have visited your house, or a favourite toy your child might have at the moment, it all helps to communicate and extend language and new vocabulary.

Thank you.

#### **Activities and Events**

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.

<u>May</u>

Monday 1<sup>st</sup> May Bank Holiday

Trip to Rosemoor Friday 26<sup>th</sup> 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 29<sup>th</sup> May to 2<sup>nd</sup> June inclusive

Monday 5<sup>th</sup> June Non pupil day

**Sunday 18th June Fundraising Tractor run** 

Friday 30<sup>th</sup> June Occasional day (No pre-school)

<u>July</u>

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

Preschool summer trip to Bude beach Thursday 6<sup>th</sup> July

Reserve date if raining Thursday 13<sup>th</sup> 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 25<sup>th</sup> July Last day of term

Thank you very much,

Jane, Natalie and Vicky.

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