



Shebbear Community School
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Welcome back to our autumn term

I hope you have all had a lovely summer break, it has gone very quickly this year.

We would like to say a warm welcome to all our new children Elske, Atticus, Lottie, Hope and Thea who are now joining us at Little Bears, We wish them all lots of fun and happiness.

Dear Parent/carers,

Little Bears Pre-school welcomes you to our warm and friendly sessions. We welcome any ideas or information about your child's interests so we can plan topics.

Each child has their own key person, 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 communication book, and please could you sign this sheet, Thank you. **These books are a two way communication and we invite you to write any wow moments and if your child has any mark making from home your very welcome to stick it in the book.**

The Early Years Foundation Stage Profile has now changed this year and this means less formal notes for practitioners to fill in, but we will still be monitoring each child and if there is a child's need to focus on we will encourage help and focus planning for your child.

Ofsted wish to see that practitioners spend as much time as possible with the children and not filling in formal paperwork. (You are very welcome to discuss this with your child's key worker.)

Snacks are provided throughout the day taking into account any child's dietary needs, please can you let us know if this changes, thank you. The snack can range from a variety of fresh fruit, breadsticks, crackers, toast. Fresh milk or water is available at snack and children are able to access fresh water throughout the day and drink bottles are taken out of bags and put on the side for children access at any time.

Our policies and procedures are available to view at any time on the Little Bears web page and can be located in the hallway entrance, please ask if you would like me to send a copy of any policies via email.

Absence

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 safeguarding requirements and can identify if there are any bugs or illness that other children may have.

If your child does have a cold, please would you consider not sending your child into the group. Calpol does mask any symptoms and can wear off before the end of a session leaving children feeling unwell and exhausted in a very busy environment, as well as transmitting to other children and staff.

Please can you inform staff members of who will be collecting your child at the end of session if different from the drop off?

Daily routines

We have daily routines and when children arrive and we will continue to take children in from the gate into the classroom.

Parents can now make a choice to wear or not wear a mask but please can you be aware of other parents/carers as you pass on the path.

Please can children that finish at 3.30 be collected before the school pick up as our insurance for the children is until 3.30pm.

When the children come into the classroom they find their own name and wash their hands before sitting on the round carpet for a short circle time, stretching our bodies to the music (Hello everybody, how are you today)

Children can choose activities set up relating to the topic and learning focus activities. We have two members of staff at all times and one deployed inside and one outside weather permitting and caring for any child's needs.



Oral Health Programme



Next week we will starting our oral teeth cleaning programme that is funded by the Government.

Some have already signed the permission forms and for those that haven't they will come home this week with the information.

Each child taking part has their own named tooth brush kept separate and a small amount of paste to practice tooth cleaning skills.

Future Activities and Events



Topic: Jungle Animal fun / using our senses

Please could your child have a pair of wellies to keep a pre-school for fun in the grass or playground play, thank you?

Would parents be able to send any family photos in to put in our photo basket, Thank You?

12th September Grandparents day



Topic: Foods to harvest.

Harvest and Autumn activities

Animals that hibernate in the winter?

Half Term week Monday 25th-Friday 29th

British summer time ends Sunday 29th October



4th November Diwali Celebration's festival of lights

5th November Bonfire night

11th November Remembrance Day

Thank you very much, Jane , Vicky and Jill