

Welcome back to term four and we hope you all had a good break. We would all like to say hello to Charlie and Lucy and her family who are joining us this term, we are sure they will settle in quickly.

The aspects of the curriculum we are covering this term are as follows:

PHYSICAL ----- MOVEMENT AND SPACE

PERSONAL, SOCIAL & EMOTIONAL DEVELOPMENT ----- MAKING RELATIONSHIPS

KNOWLEDGE & UNDERSTANDING OF THE WORLD ----- TIME

COMMUNICATION, LANGUAGE & LITERACY ----- READING

CREATIVE DEVELOPMENT ----- EXPLORING MEDIA & MATERIALS

PROBLEM SOLVING, REASONING & NUMERACY ----- NUMBERS AS LABELS & FOR COUNTING.

The topics that will be helping us cover the above areas are:

February 21st – March 2nd - Animals from hot and cold climates. Pancake Day. St. David's Day

March 5th – 16th - Wild / Nocturnal Animals. Mother's Day. St. Patrick's Day.

March 19th – 30th - Birds. Easter.

We are doing another collection for Rag Bags within the next few weeks, if you have any old clothes, curtains, bedding, towels, belts, bags (any), hats, CD's, DVD's or paired shoes, please bring any of these items in ASAP, for every kilo we collect we receive 50p, so far we have raised nearly £400 by collecting these unwanted items.

We will be learning our Easter songs ready for our Easter parade. The children decorate an Easter bonnet so can we ask you to buy your child an Easter bonnet/hat and also a few bits and bobs to decorate them with, we do have some decorations but most children like to cover the hats and we wouldn't have enough for every child to do this.

They are selling the bonnets in Poundland at the moment and usually the card shops sell them along with the decorations, could you bring them in in a named bag ASAP please.

The Easter bonnet parade will take place on Friday 30th March at 1-30pm. If your child is not usually in on that day but would like to take part, please could you bring them in for 1-15 pm. The parade usually lasts for about 25-30 minutes, everyone is welcome to come and join us, please feel free to invite friends and relatives.

The committee usually sell tea, coffee and cakes after and I'm sure we will be holding our usual Easter hamper raffle (more information to follow). The fundraising committee will be putting a list of items we would like people to donate for the Easter hamper by the signing in book, please could you put your name beside the item/s you would like to donate. Thank you very much, there are usually enough items donated for two hampers and they are fabulous prizes to win.

We will be organising our annual Easter Trail, the theme for this year is The Diamond Jubilee of Children's Television Programmes so all get your thinking caps on ready to make your clues. If you do not live in the village and would like to still provide a clue, we can offer gardens to put them in. Please Please take part if you can as this usually adds quite a bit of money towards Benger Bears much needed funds. The trail will start on Saturday 31st of March and will end on the evening of Sunday 15th April, (all clues should be displayed early on the morning of March 31st PLEASE). Information to follow.

We would also like to say good bye (for now) to Jan, Arthur and family as they are moving to Geneva for a year. Jan has kindly said she would like to still share the treasurer's roll along with Trish so thank you very much Jan. We are sure Arthur will settle into play school as well as he has at Benger Bears, good luck to all of you. We will be meeting up at the Wellesley on 24th February for farewell drinks with Jan and anyone else who would like to join us, more the merrier!!

Anna who attends Malmesbury School will be joining us for a week on work experience from March 19th.

Dates for your Diaries:

February 24th Drinks at the Wellesley to say goodbye to Janette, all welcome.

Benger Bears 80's Disco ----March 9th at 8pm till late (fancy dress optional) ticket can be bought from Benger Bears as well as the Wellesley, post office and Teresa. If you would like to donate anything for the raffles it would be most appreciated.

March 30th---- Easter Bonnet Parade at 1-30pm. END OF TERM

April 16th ----- Term 5 starts

Could I just remind you that we have had several late pick ups lately, I must just warn you that there will be a charge for late pick ups at the end of your child's session or the end of the day. Staff also have children to pick up from school at the end of the day, so if you are late picking your child up from Benger Bears, this makes staff late picking their children up.

We look forward to seeing you all this week.

Regards

Karen, Ness, Julie, Rose and Ali.

