

3rd January, 2012.

News Letter

Dear Parents/Carers,

We would like to wish all of you a very Happy New Year; we hope you had a happy and restful Christmas. Thank you all very much for the cards and lovely gifts you gave us, it was very kind of you.

We would like to welcome all our new children and their families, we are sure you will all settle into Bengel Bears very quickly.

I have quite a few thank you now:

Thank you to Trish for giving up so much time to help us get all our Christmas bits and bobs up together, it was such a great help to us, you saved me from taking it all home to get everything done in time for the Nativity morning so thank you again.

I would like to say very well done to the children for such a wonderful Nativity The Sleepy Shepherd, thank you for providing all their lovely costumes and to the staff for helping put everything together, I did wonder if it was ever going to happen at times!!!! It was great to see so many people in the audience, thank you to everyone who supported us by helping us to raise over £200 (I think) and to the committee for organising the stalls etc. Thank you to everyone who donated cakes, mince pies, prizes etc. too.

Thank you to everyone who helped raise £550 for our chosen charity this year The Wiltshire Air Ambulance, we all had a great trip to Devizes to present them personally with the cheque and have a good look around the helicopter; the photos will be in our display album very soon. Thank you also to Hatt's coaches for the free coach to take us and to Claire for her help organising this and to Claire and her team for making us all feel so welcome when we visited the Air Ambulance station.

The children enjoyed our trip to see Santa at Whitehall garden centre, thank you to the committee for allowing the funding for this. The children also enjoyed their Christmas party after the Santa trip, thank you everyone for providing the food, it was a wonderful spread. Thanks goes to Teresa for videoing both the Santa trip, party and the Nativity the following day, copies will be available for you to buy at a low price for such a wonderful memory.....Information to follow from Teresa.

Thank you again to all those people who gave to our latest Rag Bag collection which raised another £38. Please continue to save all Rag bag items as this is an on-going fund raiser for Bengel Bears. Incase you have forgotten what these items are: CLOTHES, CURTAINS, BEDDING, BELTS, HATS, ANY TYPE OF BAGS, TOWELS, PAIRED SHOES AND CD'S AND DVD'S. TO DATE WE HAVE RAISED OVER £300 SINCE WE STARTED COLLECTING SUMMERTIME OF LAST YEAR SO THANK YOU VERY MUCH.

The aspects of the Early Years Foundation stage we will be covering for Term Three will be:

Health and Bodily Awareness	Physical Development
Behaviour and Self Control	Personal Social and Emotional Development
ICT	Knowledge and Understanding of The World
Linking Sounds and Letters	Communication Language and Literacy
Being Creative – Responding to experiences, expressing and communicating Creative Development.	
Shape Space and Measure	Problem Solving, Reasoning and Numeracy.

The topics we will be learning about to cover these are:

January 9 th – 20 th	UNDER THE SEAS/OCEANS
January 23 rd – 3 rd February	MINI BEASTS
February 6 th – 10 TH	PETS. We would love to see your pets if it is possible to arrange to bring them in for show and tell or they could bring in photographs of any family pets.

FRIDAY FEBRUARY 10TH BREAK UP FOR HALF TERM.

MONDAY FEBRUARY 20thTEACHER TRAINING DAY

TUESDAY FEBRUARY 21st TERM 4 BEGINS

Topics for term 4 will include:

February 20 th – 2 nd March	ANIMALS FROM HOT/COLD CLIMATES
March 5 th – 16 th	WILD/ NOCTURNAL ANIMALS
March 19 th – 30 th	BIRDS and EASTER

If you have anything to do with any of the above topics, we would love you to share it with us or if any of you or someone you know might like to come in and do any activity, or talk to the children about anything to do with a topic, we always welcome this, please see a member of staff as soon as possible so we can add it into our plans.

Very Best Wishes to everyone for a healthy, safe and happy 2012.

Karen, Ness, Julie, Rose and Ali.