

Bear **Bb** Facts

BUFFER BEAR NURSERIES

Hello and welcome, Witajcie, Добре дошло, Bienvenue.

The summer holidays have been and gone yet where was the lovely sunshine.

Graduation day.

As you know many of our big bears have now left and are about to enter their next educational adventure at big school. At the end of July we held a Graduation day to say 'Good bye and good luck' to all our Big Bear graduates. Family members watched our certificate ceremony with pride and for some it brought a tear to their eye.



Mary also made us all a picnic and we all had a great time with our friends and families.

New Staff

We would like to welcome Leanne Butt to our team. Leanne has been appointed Room Leader in Big Bears Room to replace the lovely Eimear, who has left to join a local school as a teaching assistant but will be back with us during the holidays.

Leanne has a BA Honors Degree in Early Childhood Studies and has additional skills and experience working with children with additional needs.

Also we welcome qualified nursery nurse Liz Lewis to Big Bears class. Liz has a wealth of childcare experience in a variety of settings and returns to work after taking time out to care for her own 2 children.

Leanne Butt



Liz Lewis



Your child's practitioner's

| Baby Bears | Panda Bears | Big Bears |
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| Lindsey Burnell | Helen Wilcox | Leanne Butt |
| Fiona Smith | Kate Szelest | Jayne Brown |
| | | Kerry Smith Liz Lewis (Term time only) |

The Management team:

Manager: Roxanne Gregory

Deputy: Kelly Neale

Senior nursery nurse:

Lindsey Burnell

Bank staff: Eimear Wilson,

Emma Colclough,

Linda Robbins,

Susie Baxter, Ruby Green.

Cook: Mary Courtney.

Staff promoting their professional development

A Big **WELL DONE** to Jayne and Susie who have completed their NVQ Level 2 in childcare and Fiona has completed the NVQ Level 3. Roxanne has now got her Degree in The Early Years Foundation Stage and has been accepted into Winchester University to continue her studies one day a week to gain her childcare professional status.

Closed for training day

Nursery will be closed on **Thursday 24th March 2011 & Wednesday 10th August 2011 for staff training.**

Spread the word about our Kodiak Club

Pay-as-you-use childcare facility.

The nursery also provides a crèche facility. So please spread the word to friends, family members and work colleagues. If they need a hair cut, have an appointment or just want a couple of hours me time call us to book sessions here at the nursery. Minimum of 2 hours at £6.00 per hour. Food and nappies included.

Hamworthy 1st School drop off and collections.

The nursery is continuing to offer a drop off and collection service to Hamworthy 1st

School for children who attend nursery sessions. If you have working friends that you think may benefit from this service please tell them all about us.

Panda Bear parent needed to join our Bb-Active group.

The Bb-Active group is to provide links between parents and the nursery to enable you the parents to contribute ideas and opinions relating to the nursery, to organise social events and fund-raising activities involving other parents, staff and the local community.

Our current parent reps are:

Gabby Faulkner (Baby room parent) and Deepa Cingareddigari (Big Bears parent).

We are still seeking a parent rep for our Panda Bears room and also parents to join in with the committee meetings that are held every 3 months. **Would you like to be involved and have your say? Please talk to myself or Roxanne.**

Minutes for the meeting are displayed on the parent's display board located in the children's entrance hall.

Parent/ Carer comment box

If you have any questions, comments regarding the nursery why not use our parent/ carer comments box or pop a post-it on our **NEW comments board** located in the children's entrance hall. We at the nursery want to know your thoughts of the service we provide.

We also welcome you to add to the nursery OFSTED- Self Evaluation Form. Located next to the comments box.

Children's clothing

Children enjoy outdoor experiences. To ensure your child does not miss out on garden time and local walks out, please can you ensure your child comes to nursery with suitable clothing for the seasonal weather. Please can you ensure your child has spare clothing at nursery. Although we do have spares some children become upset because they like to wear their own clothes and at times we have been known to become low on items in particular knickers and pants. Last but not least please can you label your child's clothing.

Bounty Scheme

Would you like to receive £100 off your nursery fees?

Do you know anybody who needs child care or may need some in the future, why not introduce them to the nursery. After they sign up to attend you will receive a token of our thanks of £100 off your child care fees

Invoices & £10 late payment charge

Please note that all fees are due by the 1st of the month to which the invoice applies. Non-payment may lead to exclusion of your child from the nursery. As of 1st September 2010 Buffer Bear Ltd will apply a £10 charge for late payments as stated in the letter issued to all parents recently.

Collecting children from Nursery

Children that are booked in for the AM session must be **picked up by 1pm** as late pick ups can affect the child to staff ratio. **Please can I remind you that the nursery closes at 6pm. Therefore all children and parents must have vacated the building by this time.** There has been a rise in lateness over the past months, we understand that emergencies do happen but persistent lateness will have a **late charge fee applied of £15 per every 15 minutes.**

Safety notes

Please remember to close and lock the nursery gates.

From a health and safety reasons please be cautious when driving in and out of the nursery and school grounds and ensure your vehicle is switched off when you are not in your car.

Please, please can all parent/carers not open our nursery doors to others and remember to ensure the doors are properly closed after use. The children's safety is paramount to us here at the nursery and we have to ensure that those who have no authority to be at the nursery are not let in.

Update of Details

If you have recently moved house, changed doctors etc please can you ensure information that we hold about the children is up to date. Most of the information that we collect from you is required by OFSTED and of course remains confidential and is not used for any other purpose.

Hamworthy Children's Centre (Now located in the new Hamworthy Library)

A wealth of activities, services and support for all young children and families. There are many groups you can participate in with your child or just to gain a little advice if needed. For further information please ask a member of staff.

Nursery Photo shoot

Prestige Portraits company will be attending the nursery on **Tuesday 16th November**. All family and friends are welcome to attend to have their portraits taken. So why not bring the whole family down and have a special group picture taken. Photos are a great Christmas present for loved ones.

Children's Christmas Nativity Thursday 16th December 3.30pm

Please put this date into your diaries to attend our annual Christmas nativity. It's a memory to cherish. A letter will be sent in November to inform you of your child's role in the play.

Children's Christmas Party Date to be confirmed.

Thank you for your continued support.

Kelly, Roxanne and the staff @ Buffer Bear.