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Buffer Bear at Oxford

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Welcome to the January newsletter for Buffer Bear Oxford.

Please can I take this opportunity to wish you all a Happy New Year!!!!

We would like to start the year by encouraging all parents to come along to our parents evening. At the beginning of February 2011 we would like to provide all parents/carers with the opportunity to have an allocated timeslot whereby you can meet with your child's key person to discuss their development and progress at Turbo Teds. At the meeting you will be issued with a progress report and along with your child's key person you can set plans for the future. It is also an ideal time to go through your child's profile which contains detailed observations, art work and some fabulous photographs for you to enjoy.

If you would like an appointment please complete the attached form.

Dates are as follows:-

Wednesday 2nd February 2011 –
Babies parents evening
Thursday 3rd February 2011 –

Koala's parents evening
Wednesday 9th February 2011 -
Panda's parents evening
Thursday 10th February 2011 –
Big bears parents evening

Door cards

It has been brought to my attention that some of our new parents may not be familiar with our current security procedure. You can have instant access to the building by loaning one of our swipe cards. If you would like a door card please speak to Amy or Nikki. A deposit of £5.00 is required. The deposit is refunded when the card has been returned. However, please can I ask all parents for the safety of all the children, that you do not under any circumstances let any other person into the nursery wither on your way in or out. Thank you for your cooperation.

End of sessions

It has been highlighted over the past few weeks that parents have been arriving late to collect their child/ren. Please can I remind you of the following timings:-
AM's – 7.30 – 1pm
PM's – 1pm – 6.30pm
Full day – 7.30-6.30pm
School day – 9.30-3.30pm

Please can I stress to parents that persistent lateness there is a fee of £15.00 that is chargeable for every fifteen minutes.

Thank you for your co-operation.

Parent representative group

Over the next few months we are planning on starting a new parent representative group. In the past the group has been a great success and you could see the benefits it had on the parents, staff and most importantly the children. The purpose of the group is to have a mixture of Parent/Carers from all of the rooms who are able to dedicate a small amount of time to work with myself and Nikki to bring forward ideas and suggestions to further improve the care and education we provide the children. In the past representative groups have also helped organized social events such as fun days and quiz nights. The plan is to meet once a term (3 times a year) at dates and times convenient for all.

If you are interested in becoming a parent representative please speak to either myself or Nikki.

Alternatively if you would like to bring forward any suggestions please continue to make use of our box in our reception.

Outdoor clothing

Please can I ask for parents to ensure that they provide the nursery with suitable outdoor clothing for their child. This is so we can ensure that all children have regular access to the outdoor environment. Outdoor play is a

crucial part in a child's development so please can I ask for this to have your immediate attention. Like always it is best practice to label your child's clothing so they can be easily identified.

What's been happening at Turbo Teds.....

Over the past few weeks we have been receiving some wonderful compliments about the developments of the nursery. May I take this opportunity to thank you for these nice comments and ask if you would take the time to put these into writing so we are able to add these to our nursery portfolio. Our nursery portfolio will be available within our reception area to show other parents and outside agencies. Please send any comments to oxford@bufferbear.co.uk.

A big thank you in advance!

Baby bears

Over the past month the babies have been busy enjoying their new equipment. The dark den seems to be the most popular new resource where the babies tend to climb inside to hide from Megan, Sam and Kirsty..... "Peek-a-boo". The babies also enjoyed watching the recent fall of snow. They even wrapped up warm so they could go outside to see what it felt like.....



The babies have also been busy welcoming our new children into the room. Let's say a big warm welcome to Edward, Valeria, Caitlyn, Yotam and Elizabeth. The babies have also been busy saying goodbye to their friends who have now moved into Koala's.

Koala bears

Over the past month the Koala bears have also been busy enjoying their new equipment. Like the babies they have also enjoyed playing in the snow. This month the staff have been introducing the children to various types of play dough. The children have enjoyed smelling the variety of smells and making patterns. Victoria, Emily, Sophie and Gemma have also been busy welcoming Linzi and Clara, Jack, Demi, Emilia and Freddie into the room.

Panda bears

Over the past month the Pandas bears have been waiting anxiously for their new equipment. Thankfully a majority of the equipment arrived last Friday and I am sure you also observed that both the staff and children could not contain their excitement. But as you know children being children they preferred playing inside the cardboard boxes. Rachel, Hayley and Avril have also been busy introducing new songs to the children's singing time. The children's particular favourite is Rachel and Hayley have also been spending time welcoming Avril, Oscar, Saoirse, Joshua, Stella and Joshua into the room. They also said a goodbye to Lucas and Maya who have now moved into our big bears room.

Big bears

Over the past month the Big bears have been busy exploring their new range of

ICT equipment which includes digital cameras, remote control cars and the most popular is our new computer. The Big Bears have been showing both Carol and Eileen how to use it. Eileen has also been teaching the big bears her yoga skills which have proven to be a hit with our children. They have also been welcoming Amelie, Maya and Lucas to their room.

I would also like to take this opportunity to say a big goodbye to Kat Evans who has decided to leave turbo teds after eighteen months service. Kat's last day is Friday 14th January. I am sure you will join me in wishing Kat the best for the future.

Kind regards

Amy, Nikki and all the team at Buffer Bear Oxford