

**Three Bears Playgroup**

**Newsletter April 2017**

**Welcome back to the beginning of the Summer Term**.

This half term we will be busy planting and sorting out our vegetable garden and engaging the children in sporting events.

We will be continuing with the Jolly Phonics sounds; the next ones will be; r, m, d and g. Please find pictures at home to bring in for our sound posters.

**News**

Our Summer Fair will be on Saturday July 1st

This is a lovely afternoon for all the family, but does need help from parents to make it happen. If you are want to help please let us know and the fundraising team will be very pleased to hear from you.



**Hours for the Autumn Term**

We will be contacting you all shortly with a Request Form for hours wanted for September 2017.

3 and 4 year old children are entitled to the universal 15 funded hours.

You may be eligible for up to 30 hours childcare (an extra 15 hours).

Please go to the government checker:

[www.childcarechoices.gov.uk](http://www.childcarechoices.gov.uk)

you will need to check before we can allocate these additional hours.

If you are eligible you will be given a code which we will need, please put the code on your Request Form

**Playgroup Bags/Clothing**

Please can you write your child’s name across the front of their playgroup bag to enable us and them to identify their bag easily.

All items of clothing brought to playgroup should be named to avoid mix ups, especially coats, welly boots and slippers please.

Please look in the lost and left box on the veranda if you have misplaced something.

**Art Work**

All children’s art work can be found in the big red box on the veranda, please collect your child’s work from here on a regular basis before it is recycled.

**Holidays and extra hours**

If you are off on holiday please let us know via the office email and if you request extra hours these need to come through the office email too please.

**Staff News**

Vicky has gone on maternity leave and her key children have been allocated amongst our existing staff. We wish her well and look forward to seeing her and new baby later in the term.

We welcome Emma who has joined us this term, she is an experienced practitioner and we are pleased she has come to join our team.

Half Term: Monday 29th May 2017 to Friday 2nd June 2017