

## Welcome back to Pre-School

With the excitement of Christmas, I never got round to sending the December Newsletter so I just wanted to take this opportunity to wish everyone a Happy New Year and share some information about the upcoming month.

### In January we will be...

**Asking** – Who else lives on Earth?

**Reading** – Lost and found and Polar Bear, Polar Bear what do you hear?

**Exploring** – Animal homes and different climates. We will be looking at which animals like to live in the colder climates and we are going to find about where a penguin lays their eggs!

**How can you help** – talking to your children about different animals when you're out and about or reading story books. Does your child have a favourite animal – can they bring in pictures for show and tell?

### Other News

#### School places

If your child is moving to big school in September 2025 don't forget to apply for your place. Use the link - <https://www.bradford.gov.uk/education-and-skills/school-admissions/apply-for-a-place-at-one-of-bradford-districts-schools/> to start your application. The deadline for school applications is January 15<sup>th</sup> 2025.

#### Extended hours

As you are all aware we are now offering extended hours on Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday, 7:45 – 5:15. If you are interested in any of these sessions, please get in touch.

#### Instagram

We are now on Instagram! Please click on this link and give us a follow!

<https://www.instagram.com/benrhyddingpreschool/>

#### Winter clothing

With the colder weather we will still encourage your children to play outside. Please ensure they have a warm coat and named gloves and hats in Pre-School every day. Please can they all have a change of clothes in their bags.

#### Lunchboxes

Please can you ensure that no nut-based products are brought in to Pre-School for packed lunches. We have seen a few cases of 'Nutella' based products recently and we do have a child with a nut allergy in our setting. Thank you for your support with this.

All the staff would like to say a big thank you for the generous voucher for all our parents. We had a wonderful meal at the Wheatley. Also thank you for all the lovely cards, cakes and biscuits! They are keeping us going this week! Thank you for your continued support.

The Pre-School Team.