*Please check we have the correct emergency and general contact details for you and your child. If you send us a text with your child’s name in it, we can check this for you!*

*Please send the text to the 077875500777 number.*

*Coats, shoes, bags etc. MUST be clearly labelled. Lots of coats and bags can be very confusing when we are getting ready for outside play plus we are trying to encourage the children to do this themselves.*

Each day could you please place **communication books** in the purple basket near on table in main entrance?

**Term Dates**

**Half term 28th Oct – 1st Nov.**

**End of Autumn term:**

**Friday 13th December.**

**Beginning of new term:**

**Wednesday 6th January 2020**

**Important dates for your diary!!!!!!**

**Friday 25th October – Halloween party, dress up is optional**

**C:\Program Files (x86)\Microsoft Office\MEDIA\CAGCAT10\j0305493.wmf Thursday 12th December – The Diddydots Christmas Nativity play**

**Friday 13th December – Xmas party 9-12 all Diddydots invited and last day of term.**  (more info to follow about Christmas)

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We have a very busy term ahead of us with lots of new ideas being put in place.

Below is a look at what we have planned;

* Diddydots Nursery is forming a partnership with Downhall Residential home in Bradwell. The inter-generational project will help raise educational

attainment, change attitudes and solve some of the tough issues facing the next generation. This could include reducing crime, promote social mobility and help to shape the future. It will provide opportunities to learn through play, experience and share stories with each other.

Our pilot scheme will run every Tuesday from 17th September for 6 weeks from 11am – 1pm. We will take 4-6 children with 2 staff on the local bus to the care home. Whilst there we will have our normal play sessions in our own room with access to the sensory garden. During the session we will also have activities where the elderly residents can join in if they wish, which will be of great benefit to them. Activities will include; dough disco, singing, moving to music, crafts, baking, gardening, story time, balloon play, bubbles, finger

painting, sensory play and much more. We will eat our lunch before returning back to Diddydots on the bus.

Risk assessments, policies and procedures will all be in place for our visits and photographs or videos will be taken for evidence of the scheme. At the beginning the older children will take part but eventually all children will be given the opportunity to join in with this new adventure. All parents will be

required to sign a permission slip for their child to attend.

* Each morning, no matter what the weather, at 9:30am we will be doing our walk around the whole of the jubilee field which is 0.2 of a mile (this is actually quite a long way for the younger children). The walk is fully inclusive, free and a simple initiative which improves the physical, mental health and well-being of the children. It is recognised for helping to reduce childhood obesity and improves fitness, concentration levels, mood, behaviour and general well-being of all taking part. All staff participates too.
* This term Rachel will also be completing her Forest school leadership course. She has been working with a local primary school to help with her training and to gain more forest school experience. The Green Committee in St Lawrence will also be starting to plant more trees in the jubilee field to create small wooded areas which we will be able to use. Diddydots will be working with them whilst also planting more trees in our own garden.
* *Please remember to send in a spare clothes each day (especially whilst toilet /potty training). Remember we like playing out in the mud and even go out in the rain and we have not always got spares. If your child has to borrow ours, please wash them and send back in ASAP.*
* *Passwords will be checked with you within the next week, this is to ensure the safety of all children during pick-up time.*
* *Don’t forget the 48hr off rule if your child has a sickness or diarrhoea bug! If you are unsure of it please ask.*
* *If you have not accessed your child’s online journal/tapestry please let us know so we can help you do this. You could be missing out on important updates about your child’s learning and development.*