



Bluebird Kindergarten Autumn 2016



NEWSLETTER

Dear Parents & Friends,

A big WELCOME to 'new' parents to Bluebird, we hope your little one has settled in and is enjoying the many new experiences that pre-school brings. For parents unfamiliar with our Newsletters, they are produced once a term and contain lots of news and dates to remember. Other Nursery information can be found on our notice boards in both the upstairs and downstairs passageways and also on our website

www.bluebirdkindergarten.co.uk or on our Facebook page www.facebook.com/BluebirdKindergarten

Congratulations to all children and parents for their participation in our Summer Concert last term, it was an outstanding performance! We would like to say a HUGE thank you for all the wonderful gifts and cards sent in during the last week of term for both the staff and students here at Bluebird, they were kindly received. A special thank you to those parents who provided us with glowing testimonials which were much appreciated and very moving.

Paying Fees

Please remember, it is essential that all fees are paid in advance of your child's sessions. This means that before your child is admitted each week, you need to pay for his/her sessions up front. Some parents are still paying in arrears each week/month and must therefore adjust their payments as soon as possible to be one week/month in advance. Thank you.

FORTHCOMING EVENTS

Colour Days

Thursday 15th September is RED day

Thursday 22nd September is Blue day

Thursday 29th September is Green day

Thursday 6th October is Yellow day

French Fun

In the afternoons the children are continuing to learn some conversational French.

They will be counting to 10, saying hello and goodbye, singing songs and playing French throw and catch.

Jeans for Genes Day

On Friday 23rd September we will again be joining the nation in raising money for genetic research into childhood disorders. Children and staff will be asked to donate £1 to wear their jeans on this special day. Last year our collection boxes totalled £45. This year is titled 'Overdo It in Denim' so dig out all those old jeans and get creative!

Christmas BAKING afternoons

This terms baking afternoons will be announced weekly on the notice board outside your child's classroom. If you are interested in enrolling for extra sessions please see your room leader. There will be stories and crafts relating to each recipe and the children will be involved in measuring, tasting, mixing, rolling out, cleaning up and setting the timer! There will be a different recipe each week including Laura's Shortbread Stars, Polar Express Train Cookies and Giant Soft Pretzels. To avoid disappointment please book early as these sessions are very popular!

Storytime

Some of the books we are sharing in class this term are 'Itchy Bear' by Neil Griffiths, The Story of Rama & Sita and 'I Spy Animals' by Jean Marzollo. One of our favourite spooky reads 'The Spider and the Fly' will make its usual autumn appearance as will Meg & Mog and of course 'The Little Old Lady Who Wasn't Afraid of Anything' by Linda Williams.

Autumn Festival Weeks

During October we will be celebrating AUTUMN (National Apple Day is October 21st). All groups will be ducking for apples, printing with leaves and watching for weather changes. There will be craft sessions, sorting leaves, weighing conkers and of course lots of singing about Autumn.



Don't forget to dress in the colour of the day. This is a fun way to help children with colour recognition!



Harvest Donations

Don't forget children will be invited to bring in food items for our harvest hampers. Every year we donate these hampers to the elderly who attend the Luncheon Club at Elm Hall, the children visit the pensioners in the parlour for a chat and songs. Diwali celebrations will also be going on in class to recognise the Hindu festival of light (Oct 28th-1st Nov)

Autumn Table Display Items

This term in class there will be lots of talk about the changing seasons and what to look out for as winter approaches. It would be helpful if you could discuss some of the basic signs of autumn with your child and if you visit the park please collect something to put on our nature table (don't forget to disinfect items). Children can then sort the leaves into sizes & shapes or weigh/sort acorns and conkers. We will be wondering why leaves turn brown, why conkers and sycamore seeds drop from trees, why squirrels hide acorns and the differences between how we dress in summer and winter.

Toys and Games Day!

Wednesday November 16th will be Bring In a Toy/Game day. Before receiving new toys at Christmas children are encouraged to acknowledge and appreciate what they have already. All children are welcome to bring in a favourite toy or game to play with their friends and teachers. Please label items with your child's name and please NO sharp or dangerous toys. In conjunction with this day we are again appealing for help with our **Shoe Box Appeal** when you can fill a box with toys & gifts for a child in a war-torn country. Dates, drop off points and leaflets to follow.

Polar Express (a Christmas favourite) Friday Afternoon December 2nd

Once again we are holding a Polar Express afternoon of fun when children can come dressed in their pyjamas and ride on their very own 'Polar Express' cardboard train. There will be tickets, hot chocolate and a souvenir bell from Santa himself for every child. Please ask for details & book in early as places are limited.



Christmas Concert

On Thursday morning 8th December we hold our Christmas Concert performed by the morning classes in the Main Hall downstairs. After mince pies and coffee, parents and friends are invited to enjoy the Nativity Tableau with carols and fun songs. Invitations will be sent out in plenty of time.

Christmas Party Day!

Father Christmas with his sack full of presents will be visiting Bluebird's Christmas Party on Thursday 15th December. Children are invited for a sing-a-long and goodies at 10 o'clock this day and must be collected at 1pm. All afternoon class children please book in for the party with your Room Leader.

We will be finishing at 4pm on Friday 16th December. We will reopen on Tuesday 3rd January 2017.



REMINDERS

- Children need to bring a filled water bottle each day.
- If your child is still wearing pull-ups then please remember to send in enough supplies for the day/week in a **clearly labelled bag**. This bag should include plenty of pull-ups, wipes, nappy sacks and change of clothes.
- Later this term on Thursday Mornings the children will be rehearsing for our Christmas Concert with our piano player Hannah.
- All children will need a mid-morning and/or mid-afternoon snack each day. Please only send in healthy snacks.
- It is always a good idea to send in a change of clothes for your child each day for accidents such as spilt milk, wet socks from the rain, paint spillages or accidents using the toilet. We are now VERY short of our own emergency changes of clothes. Please check at home for any clothing with our 'B' mark on it. If you have any unwanted socks, underwear or trousers/leggings of any kind that you are happy to donate then please send them in!!

Don't forget you can now drop your child off at 8.30 and take advantage of our early opening. Each early start (8.30 - 9am) cost just £2.50. Fruit and milk are available during this session.



*Thank You & Happy Autumn, from Jo & Sheila Carmichael
and the staff at Bluebird Kindergarten.*