



# NEWSLETTER



Dear Parents & Friends,

A big WELCOME to all our new families this term and a warm welcome back to those who know us already. 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](http://www.bluebirdkindergarten.co.uk) or on our Facebook page [facebook.com/BluebirdKindergarten](https://facebook.com/BluebirdKindergarten).

A big thank you for the wonderful gifts and cards sent in at the end of term, they were kindly received. We said farewell to 20 amazing children from 'A' group as they move on to the next chapter of their education. We hope they are LOVING their new Reception classes.

## FORTHCOMING EVENTS

September 13<sup>th</sup> - 17<sup>th</sup> JEANS 4 GENES!



We are hoping to help this amazing charity raise money for research and treatment of genetic diseases like muscular dystrophy, cystic fibrosis, and sickle cell anaemia. If you would like to donate £1 and wear your favourite denim clothes any day during the week 13<sup>th</sup>-17<sup>th</sup> Sept we would be very grateful! Thank you.

## 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 bingo.



## National Apple Day 21<sup>st</sup> October

As usual we are celebrating our love of apples during the week of 21<sup>st</sup> October. We'll be tasting and comparing different apple varieties, cooking apple sauce, making Apple juice with Mrs Carmichael's juicing machine, baking apple pie and of course holding our annual *Longest Apple Peel* competition for the teachers!



## Storytime in class

Our new book is 'The Tooth Book' by Edward Miller which will support our dental hygiene theme nicely in class. The younger children will share 'Brush, Brush, Brush' by Alicia Padron to encourage good teeth brushing routines. Some other books we are sharing this term are 'We're Going On A Leaf Hunt', by Helen Stephens, 'Betsy Visits Her Grandparents' by Steve Metzger, 'The Squirrels Who Squabbled' and 'It Was A Cold, Dark Night' by Tim Hopgood.

## Language Development

To encourage children to talk freely about home and routines we find it **REALLY** beneficial to have, in nursery, photographs of each child's family/favourite places. If you have any photographs of your child's family members or favourite day out, please send them in!



## Autumn Festival Weeks

During October and November we will be celebrating all things AUTUMN. There will be ducking for apples, printing with leaves and watching for weather changes. All classes will enjoy craft sessions, sorting leaves, weighing conkers and of course lots of singing about pumpkins! We'll read our favourite autumn stories 'Pumpkin Soup' by Helen Cooper and 'The Little Old Lady Who Was Not Afraid of Anything' by Linda Williams.



## 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 your items).

## Harvest Donations

Don't forget children are invited to bring in food items for our harvest hampers during October. Every year we donate these hampers to the elderly who attend the Luncheon Club at Elm Hall. The children like to visit the pensioners in the parlour downstairs for a chat and to sing them our harvest songs.



## ART in action!

This term we will be exploring the work of Wassily Kandinsky, especially his work with bright colours and basic shapes. Hopefully the children will enjoy it as much as they did Jackson Pollock!



## Toys & Games Day!

Monday November 22nd will be a special day when children can bring in a favourite toy or board game from home to play with their friends and teachers.

Last year we enjoyed a whole day of Buckaroo, Twister, Hungry Hippos and mini Jenga! Please NO sharp or dangerous toys.



## Gingerbread FUN- 2yr olds

Our younger class will be busy exploring EVERYTHING gingerbread during the week of 6<sup>th</sup> December. They'll be constructing a HUGE cardboard gingerbread house to play in, building a gingerbread biscuit cottage, reading the story together and dressing up as all their favourite characters!

## Polar Express- 3 & 4 year olds - Thursday Afternoon 9th December

Once again we are holding a Polar Express afternoon of fun when our older children can come dressed in their pyjamas and ride on their very own 'Polar Express' cardboard train. There will be golden tickets, hot chocolate and a souvenir bell from Father Christmas for every child. Some additional places are available, please book in early to avoid disappointment.



## Christmas Celebration Week!

During our last week of term we will be celebrating all things winter and Christmas. There will be exciting activities planned for the children each day including; Nativity role play, Spiced hot chocolate, knitted snowball fights, decorating the tree, disco dancing, Christmas pudding tasting and LOTS of arts and crafts.



We will be finishing at 4pm on Friday 17th December. We will reopen on Tuesday 4<sup>th</sup> Jan 2022.

## PARENT REMINDERS

- Children need to bring a **NAMED** 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**.
- All children will need a mid-morning and/or mid-afternoon snack each day as well as a packed lunch if booked in. Please include a frozen ice pack to keep perishables fresh.
- If your little girl's/boy's hair (especially fringe) is long enough to obstruct their vision, please make sure to clip it back off of their face for nursery.
- Don't forget (if needed) to visit the toilet on arrival **before** entering class; toilets are situated in the downstairs corridor and upstairs landing.
- Please cut all fruits/vegetables into small, safe, bite size pieces for nursery, especially grapes which should be sliced lengthways or quartered to avoid a choking risk.

## IMPORTANT NOTE

The morning session ends promptly at **12 noon** and we close at **4pm**. Please ensure you arrive **BEFORE** the end of each session to collect your child so that staff can have their lunch and/or pack away on time. Thank you.



**Not these for nursery!**



**Enjoy your Autumn Term at Bluebird,**

Jo & Sheila Carmichael and the staff at Bluebird Kindergarten.