

NEWSLETTER



Dear Parents, Guardians and Friends,

A very Happy New Year and 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. This is our termly newsletter, please keep it safe and mark all events onto your calendar.

We were so pleased to hear how much you enjoyed our Christmas Concert last term, the children are always happy to perform and did a marvellous job of entertaining us once again. Many thanks to the parents who helped out selling programs, stacking chairs and in the kitchen serving tea & coffee. We have purchased some super new toys (mini trampoline) and Montessori apparatus (word/number puzzle and magnets) with the funds raised on the day. On behalf of all our staff may we say a BIG thank you for the generous Christmas gifts handed in to the teachers before the holiday, they were greatly received and enjoyed!

We'd like wish a warm welcome to Macie, a new first year student from Liverpool Community College who is training upstairs on Mondays and Tuesdays.



IMPORTANT MESSAGES

1. As the winter progresses can I remind all parents that wellington boots are not suitable for nursery. Please change your child into suitable indoor shoes before coming into class.

2. Long hair must be tied up securely and long fringes pinned back.

3. It is always best to send your child into nursery in clothes that encourage independence and that are easy for them to manage when going to the toilet. Loose fitting, stretchy trousers are ideal for nursery, please avoid lots of layers with tricky buttons and belts!

2. It is important that you send in a fresh sports bottle full of water for your child to access during play. Please don't send disposable bottles, and remember to label your child's bottle clearly with their name!

3. We close at 4pm. Please be on the premises 10 minutes before we close in order to collect belongings, chat to staff and use the toilet etc.

FORTHCOMING EVENTS

Colour Days

Thursday 15th February is Red day

Thursday 22nd February is Blue day

Thursday 1st March is Green day

Thursday 8th March is Yellow day

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



Australia Day



On Friday 26th January we will have some fun celebrating Australia Day! There will be stories about native Australian animals, didgeridoo crafts and aboriginal music to enjoy. Children are welcome to dress up and bring in any show and tell relating to Australia.

Beautiful Birds

Throughout this term the children will learn to recognise some common British birds, the sounds that they make and how to provide food for them throughout the winter. Please help by tuning in to the BBC Big Garden Bird watch between 27th-29th Jan and try to recognise a few varieties with your child. There will be opportunities in class to make some cool binoculars along with trips outside to practice bird watching skills. On the final bird watch day, Monday 29th January, there will be an afternoon session where children can make their own bird feeder and play a fun game of bird bingo.

Chinese New Year

All classes will be acknowledging the year of the Dog during the week of Feb 12th with crafts, music and stories. We invite all children to bring in any items they may have for show and tell that week. On the afternoon of Friday Feb 16th there will be a special lantern making session with a chance for children to test their chop stick skills at the noodle bar!

Valentine's Day Celebration Wednesday 14th Feb

All classes will be celebrating by baking biscuits, singing friendship songs and writing love notes to their friends. In the afternoon there will be a heavenly chocolate fondue party with fresh fruit kebabs.





Thursday 1st March is WORLD BOOK DAY!!

Everyone is welcome to come to Bluebird dressed as their favourite character from a book (and if possible bring the book too!) As this is our Music day with Hannah the piano teacher, please provide suitable footwear for skipping and marching. (This is also our designated **Green Day** so feel free to dress in Green as an alternative).

Spring Baking Sessions

There will be 4 afternoon sessions this term when children can Make & Bake!

There are a few places available on these afternoons if you would like to book in please see Mrs C.

Monday February 26th – **Fruity Smoothies** including strawberries, blueberries and raspberries.

Friday 9th March - We're making **Mothers Day Fudge** a perfect sweet gift for Mummy!

Friday 16th March – **Hot Cross Buns with** juicy raisins and all spice.

Monday 19th March – **Easter Nests** with chocolate mini eggs YUMMY!

Storytime

We have some wonderful books to explore this term.

Upstairs are going to be sharing the classic tale The Little Red Hen along with Pancakes, Pancakes

by Eric Carle, the children's choice is The Elephant and the Bad Baby by Elfrida Vipont.

During Chinese New Year we will be having fun practising our rhyming skills with Robert

Wyndham's book Chinese Mother Goose Rhymes. 'B' Group downstairs are enjoying the classic

tale of Goldilocks along with a new book 'Winter' by Ailie Busby and their children's choice is the Ladybird book Hush Little Baby.



On Tuesday Afternoons we hold a session aimed at developing Yoga skills. Each week the children work together to copy some easy poses and try some basic breathing techniques. This term's poses will include insects, Spring animals, working with partners and flowers.

Mothers In March

We are inviting Mums of the older children in for a stay and play on Mondays during the month of March. There will be a rota drawn up for you to choose a session, if you are interested in coming to play for an hour from 9-10am or 1-2pm then pop your name on the list. At the moment we are only holding stay and plays for the upstairs groups as we have found in the past that the youngest children downstairs get too upset when Mum has to leave.

THE EASTER HAT PARADE!

On the morning of Thursday 22nd March we have our annual Easter Hat Parade. It's always lots of fun and everyone is encouraged to make a hat at home and bring it in to wear on the day. Hannah will be here to play the piano while we all parade around as Judy Garland and Fred Astaire to the old favourite 'The Easter Parade'. Later Hannah will congratulate all entrants and choose the Best Bonnet/Hat of the day!



END OF TERM Friday 23rd March is our last day of term. Bluebird will re-open on Monday 9th April.

REMINDERS

Please be mindful of our healthy eating policy when packing your child's snacks/lunches.

We really **don't** want to see crisps or chocolate in lunch bags anymore and if possible please avoid sugary drinks and biscuits. We would **LOVE** to see more items such as chopped up berries, tomatoes, carrot sticks and cucumbers. Healthy eating awards are given out daily to children who bring vegetables and fruit. **Remember to cut grapes in half length ways and DON'T FORGET A FREEZER PACK TO KEEP EVERYTHING FRESH.**



Bank Holidays

Bluebird will be closed on 7th May and Monday 28th May. Fees are due as normal for Bank Holidays that fall in term time. We do not close for half term holidays.

Paying Fees

To limit administration time, all weekly fees must be paid in advance on Mondays. Information on extra charges and government grants is available. Please, please seal all fees in an envelope with Name, Class and Date marked on the front.

Finally we would like to wish you a lovely Easter.

Sheila & Joanne Carmichael and the staff at Bluebird

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