

Bluebird Kindergarten

NEWSLETTER SUMMER 2019



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 for you to mark on your calendar. Congratulations to all children and parents for their participation in our Easter Hat Parade last term, everyone looked wonderful in their Spring creations. Photos are on display on our Facebook page.

Ofsted – We were visited by Ofsted again last term. Thank you to those parents who spoke to the inspector on the day and who sang our praises so fervently! Our inspection report is attached.

IMPORTANT!

We will be closed for the day on Thursday May 2nd and Thursday May 23rd due to the building being used as a polling station. Any cash fees (not government funding) for these days will be refunded.

On Monday 6th and Monday 27th May we will be closed for the Bank Holidays. Fees are payable as normal for these 2 Bank Holidays that fall in term time.

FORTHCOMING EVENTS

Colour Days

Thursday 9th May is RED day

Thursday 16th May is Blue day

Thursday 30th May is Green day

Thursday 6th June is Yellow day



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

Special Events

Irresistible Insects (gastropods and arachnids too!)



During this term we will be looking closely at insects that we see in our local environment. All groups will learn about the important role that spiders, slugs, snails and ants play in nature.

Children are invited to bring a favourite bug to nursery in an appropriate container for show and tell.



Don't forget we have our own pet GIANT land snail in class which the children learn about and help feed/clean. Feel free to send in **small** amounts of leftover food to feed him. He loves cucumber, lettuce and sometimes a strawberry!

French Fun



The afternoon class is continuing to learn some conversational French. They are doing really well counting to 10, saying hello and goodbye and singing songs. To support the children's learning we will be celebrating Bastille Day on Friday July 12th. Dress Up is welcomed and if you have any French show-and-tell please send it in!



Don't forget on Tuesdays we hold a Yoga session when the group practice some fun poses based on the learning themes this term.

Storytime Books this Term

The upstairs class have started reading 'The Hair Book' by Graham Tether and 'On The Moon' by Anna Milbourne. 'B' group are sharing a great book called 'Shark In The Park' by Nick Sharratt. We are also reading 'The Very Hungry Caterpillar' which means we will once again be ordering our butterfly larvae kit to hatch in class.



To Infinity And BEYOND! During this term there will be a whole range of activities based on Space adventure. The climbing frame will be transformed into a UFO with tinfoil helmets for all astronauts! We will be venturing out to the park after lunch to play alien races and have cheese & cracker picnics on the moon. Feel free to bring in any show & tell items you might have relating to space travel.



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Please support our £1 Literacy Challenge

Each summer we hold a literacy challenge to promote a love of reading. In the Upstairs Class this term we invite each family to pay £1 to decorate a wooden letter of the alphabet for a new phonic display at Bluebird. For £1 your child will receive a wooden letter to take home, please help them to make it look fabulous with colourful pens/paint etc! In the downstairs class they are planning to make a BIG book of rhymes to share at circletime. For £1 your child will choose a nursery rhyme page to decorate at home and add to the book. **We aim to use all monies raised to buy new books for both classroom libraries!**



Other Events this Term

Downstairs 'B' group are holding a teddy bears picnic this term. The children will plan the event themselves and make their own invitations and sandwiches. Of course all favourite teddy bears are welcome into nursery that day!



This term our outings will include a trip to the post office where children will buy stamps for sending postcards home. We are also enjoying visits to the millennium green where Spring is in full swing!

There will be a 'Growing' week at the end of May during which all children will be planting sunflower seeds and runner beans! FEE FI FO FUM. Keep track of any progress at home by measuring your seedlings. There will be a prize for the tallest bean/sunflower at the end of term!



Getting Ready For BIG School!

School readiness is on everyone's mind as we approach July. Those children leaving at the end of this term will be spending some time in class getting ready for the big move to Infant school. This involves making sure children know what to expect and helping them to be as independent and confident as possible. In class we will be encouraging skills in dressing, toileting and successful mealtimes along with taking turns, talking & listening and of course early literacy and maths.

End of Term Disco 10-1pm

On Thursday 18th July at 10 o'clock we will be holding an end of term party for all classes. The party will start at the later time of 10am and will finish at 1pm. Please book in extra if Thursday is not your usual day.



Last Day of Term

We will be finishing at 4pm on Friday 19th July. We will reopen on Monday 2nd September 2019.

REMINDERS

- Please label your child's coats, water bottle, cardigans and snack boxes clearly so that they can identify their own property with ease.
- Unless you have booked in for an 8.30 early start, please wait outside the classroom until doors open at 9am.
- **MID-MORNING SNACKTIMES** - The older children will now be given the **option** of stopping for snack **or** continuing with their play. This means that some snacks may still be in bags at home-time. **Please only send healthy snack options, a piece of fruit is ideal.** Those children who stay for lunch will all sit down together as normal.
- If your child brings a packed lunch then you should include a **freezer pack** to keep perishables fresh.
- Children go outside most days after lunch. Please dress them for the warmer weather ahead including socks if wearing sandals, a sunhat and long sleeve cardigan/jacket. On the hottest days please apply sun factor to exposed skin before nursery.

Paying Fees

To limit administration time, all fees must be paid in advance in an envelope with Name, Class and Date marked.

There is a £5 fine for late pickups.

We would like to politely remind all parents that the morning session finishes at **12 noon sharp** and the afternoon session at 4pm. **Please be on site to collect your child in plenty of time before the end of the session.**

Many thanks and we hope you have a great summer!

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