

August 2017

Summer Fair

A massive thank you to everyone who attended the Summer Fair and Graduation and making it a day to remember. It was so lovely to see so many children and their families enjoying the lovely weather and the fun of the day. We would also like to a special thank you to the Mayor and Mayoress of Blackpool for coming along and presenting the preschool leavers with their graduation certificates. These events wouldn't be successful without your continued support which is always gratefully appreciated.

We also appreciated the local businesses that donate prizes for our raffle which help to make it a huge success. Thank you Athena Hairdressing, Jo Jo's Cupcakes, Barton Grange, Manchester United, Casdon Toys, St Annes Lighting and Electrics and all the other companies that kindly donated.



30 Hours Free Childcare

From September Bluebell Lodge is delivering the funded 30 hours (15 hours extension for qualifying parents). Due to the nursery being open throughout the year this equates to 22 hours per week. If you have applied you will be issued with an 11 digit code which you will need to provide Anne with in along with your National Insurance number(s) so your claim can be processed. It will also be your responsibility to ensure that you renew your application every 3 months to make sure you are still eligible for the extra funding. If you haven't applied for the 30 hours free yet there is still time to apply. Please see the link below to apply:

<https://childcare-support.tax.service.gov.uk/par/app/applynow>

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Bringing children's toys into nursery

We would ask parents and carers to support us in discouraging children from bringing their toys into nursery. We cannot accept responsibility for toys brought in and so would ask your support in leaving toys at home.

Bluebell Lodge Newsletter

Nursery Nurse of the Year

Congratulations to Nicole Trafford on being awarded Nursery Nurse of the Year. Since starting Learning Curve its been lovely to see Nicole develop into the practitioner she is today. Her dedication to her room and her professional development is a testament to her and this is shown with her currently studying towards her Foundation Degree. Nicole develops lovely strong bonds with all the children in her and ensures they always have stimulating and fun activities to do. It's lovely to see the bonds she made with all the children who attend the setting. Her hard work and dedication to the company is greatly appreciated.



Parking

Please can I remind parents about only parking in the bays provided. We are still experiencing problems with parents parking their cars in front of the pre-school unit and not in the bays, which is causing problems. There have been several reported bumps to cars whilst they have been parked. Also can I remind parents to ensure that drive appropriately down the drive to ensure there are not accidents.

Staff Congratulations

We would like to take this opportunity to congratulate Vicky Ward and Hayley Allinson for graduating this year with a BA Honours Degree in Early Childhood Studies. Vicky graduated with a First Class degree and Hayley graduated with a 2:1. The company is very proud of their achievements.



Wind Chime Competition

Thank you for all the lovely entries for the wind chime wind competition it was great to see all your creative designs. The winner of the wind chime competition is Mayva who incorporated a bird feeder into her design. Well done to all that took part.



Staff News

From September Vicky Ward will be taking on a new role in the nursery and will be using her experience and knowledge to support and train all staff. We would like to announce that Lucy Boase (BA Hons QTS) will be leading the pre-school unit. Lucy will be working closely with Nicole Trafford to ensure that the children within the pre-school unit continue to have educational, stimulating, fun activities to enhance their learning and development. Natasha Smailes will also be joining Lucy in the pre-school room which will help the children moving up have a smooth transition.

Susan Draycott who is currently studying for her NVQ Level 3 will be joining the baby room from September. Since starting with the company Susan has mainly worked with the older children and would like the opportunity to gain further experience of working with the younger age group to further develop her knowledge and understanding.

Ellie Taylor is transferring from September into the preschool unit and will be working alongside Nicole to gain further experience of working with older children. She enjoys working with the babies and will miss them. Ellie is taking this opportunity to gain further experience of working with all the age groups within the setting.

Dates for Diary

28th August – Bank Holiday (Nursery Closed)

22nd September – Jeans for Genes

25th September – Harvest Festival St Mary's Church 14.30 (TBC)



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