

Bluebell Lodge Newsletter

January 2017



Dear Parents,

Welcome back and a Happy New Year. I hope you and your family had an enjoyable Christmas and New Year.

Fundraising

Many thanks for your support and kind donations throughout 2016 at our many fundraising events. Your generosity and continued support is greatly appreciated.

Also thank you to everyone who attended the Christmas Fair. It was lovely to see so many families join us. We would like to thank the sponsors for their contributions to our raffle. Each of the following companies provided fantastic corporate gifts for the event which were greatly received. The companies include: Blackpool Zoo, B&M, Sandcastle Waterpark, Casdon Toys, Legoland and Sea Life Manchester. We look forward to inviting parents and children to forthcoming events in the future!

Chinese New Year

Chinese New Year this year is the year of the Rooster. The children in the pre-school unit will be learning about Chinese New Year and will be taking part in many activities on this topic. Activities will use all of your child's senses; there will be creative, messy activities and food tasting to name but a few of them.



Phone Policy

Can I remind all parents that mobile phones are not too used on the nursery premises. We also ask that photos are not taken of children whilst on the nursery premises without consent. Thank you for your cooperation in this matter.

Collections

We are currently collecting buttons, purses, keys, shells, corks, old mobile phones, inside of kitchen rolls, jam jar lids, old cds and children's magazines.



We are currently creating some heuristic play bags. Heuristic play describes the activity of babies and children as they play with and explore the properties of 'objects'. These 'objects' are things from the real world.

Nursery Bag

If your child still requires nappies it would be appreciated if they have enough nappies and wipes in their bag or tray for the days they attend nursery. It is essential that if your child is potty training that you bring spare clothes. All clothing and shoes should be labelled.

Please can you ensure that you bring hats, scarves, gloves and wellies for your child to ensure they are wrapped up nice and warm when they go outside to play. Wet weather clothing will be provided.



Chatterbox Challenge

We are asking if parents would like to make a Chatterbox with their child. The box could be a shoe box that has items in from home that the children will talk about with others. These boxes might contain a favourite book or photographs of loved ones. This activity will encourage and support communication and language.

Fees

Can I remind parents that fees have increased as of January 2017. Please can you assist the admin team by ensuring that you have changed your standing orders for your child's nursery fees. If you are in receipt of childcare vouchers it would be appreciated if you could contact the providing company to change the voucher date to the beginning of the month. Misplaced your fees letter please see Anne in the office for your new fee amount or contact Anita on 346741. Thank you to every parent who pays their fees on time, your support is very much appreciated. We would be grateful if all parents could pay their fees at the beginning of the month for that month by cheque, card payment or regular monthly standing order. We respectfully ask that parents call into the nursery manager's office to pay fees and not leave cheques in their child's room. The nursery will no longer be accepting cash payments.

Mother's Day Tempest photography

On Saturday 4th February Tempest Photographers will be at the nursery from 9.30am till 1pm. You are welcome to bring your child/children along to have their photograph taken. If you would like your child to have their photograph taken please book a time slot in the office with Anne or Hannah. Siblings are welcome to join their brother/sister if you would like a family photograph taken. These would be ideal for Mothers Day gifts. Tempest photography advise not to wear red to this photograph session.



Dates for Diary

2nd January - Bank holiday.

3rd January – Nursery Opens

28th January – Chinese New Year

4th February – Tempest Photographs

21st March - Parents Evening.