

Bluebell Lodge Newsletter



December 2017

Reverse Advent

During the month of December, Bluebell Lodge is taking part in the reverse advent calendar. The Reverse Advent Calendar is a really simple idea and a great way to help others who might need a little help at Christmas, all donations will be given to Blackpool Food Bank. Thank you in advance for all of the donations we receive. On Friday 22nd December before nursery closes for the Christmas break we will ensure all items are collected by the Blackpool food bank.

Below is a list of some items which we can accept on behalf of the food bank:

Rice, Pasta, Tinned tomatoes, Tinned potatoes / dried mash, Tinned vegetables Soup, Tuna, Tea, Coffee, Tinned spaghetti, Baked beans, Jam/spreads, UHT / Long life milk, Tinned fruit, Tinned meats (chilli, pie, curry, chicken, hot dogs), Breakfast cereals, Biscuits/chocolate, Shampoo/conditioner, Soap/shower gel, Toothbrushes/Toothpaste, Washing up liquid, Nappies, powdered milk, wipes etc



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Nursery Story Time

A big thank you to all the parents and children who came along to our story and crafts night, we have had some fantastic feedback from the night. The children enjoyed a lovely story called 'the gingerbread man' with a luxury hot chocolate and marshmallows in their pyjamas, then the children enjoyed a wide range of craft activities relating to 'the gingerbread man' story. We really appreciate children and parents support during these events, thank you. We will keep you posted for the next event in the new year!

Nativity

The Preschool Nativity dates are Friday 8th December 2.30pm and Friday 15th December 2.30pm - all children will take part in both days; the children have been working extremely hard practising their lines and songs, we can not wait to share this special time with you all. Please see Anne in the office to collect your tickets for the Nativity, each family will receive 4 tickets, 2 for each showing.



A Special Christmas Bazaar

Our annual Christmas fair will be held on Monday 18th December 6pm until 8pm at The Scout Hut in St Annes. The address for this is: Scout Association, Heyhouses Lane, Lytham Saint Annes FY8 3RN. Planning and preparations for this are already underway! We can not wait to share this festive event with you and your families; we hope to see you all there. Santa Claus will be making a special appearance, a range of games and stalls, refreshments and much more. To help make the Christmas fair a huge success we are asking for help from our parents in donating a prize for the tombola, bottle and chocolate tombola and the raffle. Your help and support at these events is appreciated.

Christmas Dress up Days:

We are holding some dress up days throughout December to help towards our Christmas Bazaar on Monday 18th December.

On Friday 1st December 2017 - Welcome to the festive season: Red and Green day, wear anything red and green- collecting for the tombola.

Tuesday 5th December - Winter Warmer: Children are invited to wear pyjamas/onesies to nursery - collecting for our bottle tombola.

Friday 15th December – National Christmas Jumper Day - Collecting for our chocolate Tombola.

All donations are very much appreciated.

Christmas and New Year period

Nursery will be closing this year on Friday 22nd December at 6pm and re opening for the New Year on Tuesday 2nd January 2018. We hope all our children and families have a wonderful time off together.

New Year supervised tooth brushing

In November the staff team at Bluebell Lodge attended a training session delivered by Helen Kellett the areas Dental Health practitioner for Early Years. Blackpool Better Start is launching a new programme to introduce supervised tooth brushing in nursery settings in a bid to teach children about brushing their teeth and the many benefits of this.

Blackpool Better Start are supplying nurseries with training and the necessary equipment for supervised tooth brushing, and will be investing to help develop oral health skills in children. From January the preschool room at Bluebell Lodge want to start the supervised tooth brushing, letters explaining this scheme in a bit more detail will be handed out to the preschool parents, along with permission forms for this, if you would like your child to take part permission forms must be returned back to nursery. If you require anymore information on this please speak to a member of the preschool team.

Dates for your diary

1 st December	Christmas Reverse Advent begins
8 th December	Preschool Nativity
15 th December	Preschool Nativity

18th December
22nd December
2nd January

Christmas Bazaar
Nursery closes at 18:00 for the Christmas period.
Nursery reopens at 08:00.