

Bluebell Lodge Newsletter



July 2016

Merlin Pass

This month we were so excited to have got our own Merlin attractions pass. This month the children have been exploring the sea life centre. The children thoroughly enjoyed looking at all the different sea creatures, watching how they move, their size and their different features. The children have extended their vocabulary and developed their knowledge. The Sea life centre is a great place for the children to develop in all areas of learning.



Parents as Partnership

At Bluebell Lodge we value parents / guardians and feel that you are the primary carers. Our aim is to support the vital and valuable work that you do. We believe that children benefit most from nursery care and education when parents and practitioners work together in partnership. We would like to invite parents/carers into the nursery to share your skills/talents and knowledge to share with the children, for example your job or gardening skills.

Summer Fair

We will be holding this years Summer Fair Saturday 6th August 2016 12.00 pm - 2.30 pm. Join us for an afternoon of fun and laughter, there will be a barbeque, face painting, stalls and much more. Not forgetting the graduation ceremony for the Pre-School leavers at 12.30 pm. We will be holding the tombola and raffle too and have started collecting prizes. So if you have anything you would like to donate please bring it in over the next few weeks and give it to your room co-ordinators or Anne in the office.



September Places

Places for September are now limited. If your child is entitled to the 2 or 3 year old grant in September you may want to increase your child's sessions. If you are considering increasing your child's sessions at nursery please see Anne in the office to avoid disappointment.

Importance of Learning Outdoors

The outdoors is the very best place for preschoolers to practice and master emerging physical skills. It is in the outdoors that children can fully and freely experience motor skills like running, leaping, and jumping. It is also the most appropriate area for the practice of ball-handling skills, like throwing, catching, and striking. And children can perform other such manipulative skills as pushing a swing, pulling a wagon, and lifting and carrying movable objects. Please read the following link



http://www.galwaychildcare.com/uploadedfiles/Outdoor_Play_Matters.pdf

New Booster Seat Law.

New rules being introduced later this year will see car booster seats without a back banned for younger children. Currently, children weighing as little as 15kg - around three-years-old - are allowed to travel in cars while sitting on a backless booster seat. Rules state they must stay in them until they are 12-years-old but experts have claimed the seat is unsuitable for younger children and new guidelines are being introduced and many child car seat experts agree that this type of booster seat is unsuitable for such young children. A small child isn't held as securely in the seat, the adult seat belt isn't guided across their little body in the best way, and, most importantly, a booster seat offers no protection for a child if your car's involved in a side-impact crash. A decent high-backed booster seat provides better protection in a front crash, as they're designed to guide the adult seat-belt across the child's body properly. The new additions to the child car seats regulations should come into effect in December 2016, but will only apply to any new products appearing on the market.



Pre-school Leavers

It's fast approaching a sad time of the year for the nursery when we have to say goodbye to the Pre-school children that are leaving to start a new adventure at their big school. Please can you arrange to give your child's leaving dates to Anne in the office. This is to ensure that your child's profile and transition document is up-to-date and ready to take away with you on your child's last day.

Dates to remember

- July 9th St Annes Club Day Parade
- August 6th Summer Fair & Graduation 12:00 - 14:30
- August 29th Bank Holiday (nursery closed)

To see full events list for 2016 please visit our web page by clicking on the following link
<http://www.learningcurvenursery.co.uk/welcome.asp>