

Bluebell Lodge Newsletter



May 2017

Easter Fair

We would like to thank everyone who braved the weather and came along to our Easter Fair. It was good to see so many families and made it a super day and we hope you all enjoyed it as much as we did. Your support at these events is what makes it worthwhile and is greatly appreciated. We would also like to thank you for all your super entries for our Easter Bonnet parade they were all fantastic and the children looked great.



September Places

Places for September are now limited if you want to increase your child's sessions and you are in receipt of the following from September please see Anne to avoid disappointment.

3 Year Old Funding – (15 Hours Funded). Due to the nursery being open throughout the year it equates to 11 hours per week. If your child is entitled to the 3 year old grant in September you may want to increase your child's sessions.

30 Hours Free Childcare – From September Bluebell Lodge is intending on 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 supply this to the nursery. If you haven't applied for the 30 hours free please see the link below to apply:

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

Staff Sports Kit Sponsor

Bluebell Lodge Nursery and Butterfly Lodge Nursery are holding a raffle for the exciting opportunity to become the new sponsor of the staff PE kits. The kits will be worn by staff whilst out and about in the local community with the children on a daily basis and during promotional sports events. The ticket sales will be £5 a strip, with the winner having their business logo printed onto the kits. This would be a great opportunity to advertise your business through a respected company.

We aim to raise £600 to purchase 20 PE Kits for staff. So we are looking at selling 120 tickets at £5.00 each. We will draw out two winners. One will appear on all Butterfly Lodge kits and the other on all Bluebell Lodge kits.



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.

Mobile Phone and Smartwatch Policy

Please can we remind parents with regards to the use of mobile phones and smartwatches on the nursery premises. At Bluebell Lodge we strive to ensure that all children are safeguarded, and we constantly review our practices. With this in mind we kindly ask parents/carers to refrain from using their mobile phones/smartwatches, especially to take photographs on the nursery premises.



Fees

From September the nursery will no longer be accepting fees paid on a weekly basis. If you currently pay your fees weekly you will need to change over to monthly payments from September. 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 or regular monthly standing order. We respectfully ask that parents call into the nursery manager's office to pay fees and not leave cheques or money in their child's room.

Speech and Language

It is always important to remember that all children develop in each area at different rates so it is vital to remember not to compare your child to another and worry as your child may well excel in other areas. However if you are concerned about your child's speech here are a few little tips to help

- Never formally correct your child's attempts at vocalising. If your child says a word that is unclear never say 'no, it's this....' As this could discourage their efforts in the future. Always say 'yes, and then echo the word clearly. This will positively support the child's learning.

- Help build up the child's vocabulary and sentence building. What ever level your child may be up to, whether 1 word or 4 words, you can add a word when echoing back to them e.g. if a child says 'friend gone' echo back 'friend gone home', this will role model language.

- Do not talk for your child, allow them the opportunity to express their thoughts and let them practice using their voice. Talk to your child and give them time to respond, children can not process language as quick as adults so give them time and be patient.



If you are still concerned about your child's speech do not hesitate to speak to their key person.

Reminder

Please can I remind all parents to ensure that their children have with them all outdoor clothing in their nursery bags. As the weather is so unpredictable here is a nursery checklist of all the items we will be needing:

Winter and summer hat
Winter and summer coats
Sun cream
Gloves
Wellies

Dates to remember.

May 11th Red Frog Graduation Photograph
May 19th Tempest Graduation Photograph
May 27th Ramadan (First Day)

May 29th Bank Holiday (nursery closed)
June 27th Ramadan (Last Day)
June 18th Father's Day
June 24th Lytham Club Day
June 26th Eid-ul-Fitr
July 8th St Annes Club Day Parade
July 11th Parents Evening 18:00 - 20:00
July 29th Summer Fair & Graduation 12:00 - 14:30
August 28th Bank Holiday (nursery closed)

To see full events list for 2017 please visit our web page by clicking on the following link
<http://www.learningcurvenursery.co.uk/welcome.asp>