

Butterfly Lodge Newsletter

November 2016

Outdoor Play in Winter

Children of all ages enjoy and benefit from playing outdoors in all except the most extreme weather. Daily outdoor play is healthy and burns energy. It gives children an opportunity for a change of environment, a balance in play and routine, large muscle activities (gross-motor development). Even children who are mildly ill but active should go outside if the weather is not severe. Staff and children alike will feel refreshed when fresh air is part of the daily routine. Taking children outdoors daily, even in winter, can be a healthy part of their schedule, and is safe when clothing is appropriate. Now the weather is getting colder can you ensure that your child has a warm coat, hat, scarf and gloves.

Parents evening

At Butterfly Lodge we hold a parents evening each term where parents can come and look through their child's learning journey with their assigned key person. This is a fantastic opportunity to have some quality one on one time with your child's key person to discuss how your child's development is progressing at nursery and look at all the wonderful things they have been getting up to. Our Autumn term parents evening is on the 16th November 6:00pm-8:00pm please book in an appointment with your child's key person or see Becca in the office.



Don't forget
Parents'
Evening!

Children in need



Children in need is on Friday 18th November. We will be coming to nursery on the 18th dressed in our pyjamas. Throughout the week we will be fundraising each day by holding cake sales and partaking in fundraising activities such as sponsored walks. Any donation will help and we are hoping to beat last year's total of £50.

Nativity reminder

Rehearsal dates are:

Thursday 3rd November 10:15am

Tuesday 8th November 2:30pm

Tuesday 15th November 10:15am

Thursday 1st December 2:30pm

Tuesday 6th December 2:30pm

Nativity service 9th December 10:30am

(Please make sure you arrive at 10am to allow the practitioner's time to get the children dressed and ready)



Christmas Competition time.

Due to the amount of interest in our past competitions we are inviting parents and children to take part in our next challenge. We are inviting all parents and children to make a Christmas tree decoration (see some examples below) for our winter wonderland themed hallway over the Christmas period. All children's decorations will receive a prize and certificate with a goodie bag. Please can all entries for the competition be in no later than 5th of December.



Pre-School school starters September 2017

IMPORTANT INFORMATION FOR PARENTS SCHOOL PLACES – SEPTEMBER 2017

IS YOUR CHILD 3 YEARS OLD?

If your child was born between September 2012 and August 2013, you need to apply for a Reception place for September 2017

DO YOU HAVE A CHILD IN THEIR FINAL YEAR AT PRIMARY SCHOOL?

If your child has just started Year 6 at primary school, it is time to apply for his/her Year 7 place.

Apply for a school place online at:
www.blackpool.gov.uk/schooladmissions

OR you can complete a paper application form, available from Blackpool School Admissions, tel 476637 or 476829 email schoolaccess@blackpool.gov.uk

Before you complete your application, you should read Blackpool Council's Guide for Parents – available on www.blackpool.gov.uk/schooladmissions or you can request a copy from Blackpool School Admissions Team.

If you pay your council tax to Wyre or Fylde, you need to apply online at www.lancashire.gov.uk but you can still apply for a Blackpool school.

CLOSING DATES FOR APPLICATIONS FOR SEPTEMBER 2017

SECONDARY – 31st OCTOBER 2016

PRIMARY – 15th JANUARY 2017

DO NOT LEAVE IT UNTIL THE LAST MINUTE!

Applications that are received after the closing date are dealt with separately, so you reduce your chance of gaining a place at your preferred school if you miss this deadline.

If your child is due to start school in September 2017 don't forget to apply by 15th January 2017. These leaflets can be found in our leaflet stand near the front door or alternatively speak to Chantelle or Becca in the office in regards to applying for school spaces for further assistance.

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Butterfly and Bluebell Lodge Christmas Fair

This year our Christmas fair will be held at Butterfly lodge on Saturday 10th December 12:00pm until 14:30pm. 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.

Help needed!



We are looking for any old dinner sets you no longer use or require to make cake stands for use at the Christmas Fair. If you are able to help please can you let Becca know. Thank you.



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November 3 rd	Nativity Rehearsal 10:15am St Marys Church
November 5 th	Bonfire Night
November 13 th	Remembrance Sunday
November 8 th	Nativity Rehearsal 14:30pm St Marys Church
November 15 th	Nativity Rehearsal 10:15am St Marys Church
November 16 th	Parents Evening 18:00-20:00
November 18 th	Children in Need
December 1 st	Nativity Rehearsal 14:30pm St Marys Church
December 6 th	Nativity Rehearsal 14:30 St Marys Church
December 9 th	Nativity Rehearsal 10:30am St Marys Church
December 10 th	Christmas Fair (Butterfly Lodge) 12:00-14:30
December 23 rd	Nursery closes at 18:00 for Christmas period
January 3 rd 2017	Nursery re-opens at 08:00am