

BLUEBIRDS DAY NURSERY – SUMMER 2016 NEWSLETTER

Hello everyone,
You're welcome to our SUMMER term newsletter.
At Bluebirds, we are looking forward to an exciting summer term.

FUNDED SESSIONS TIME

Our funded session times remain the same;
8am-11am, 11.30am-2.30pm and 3-6pm Mondays to Fridays.
8-1pm or 1-6pm - This is 5 hours over 3 days session with the option of a paid nursery meal.

PARENTS CONTACT DETAILS

It is important to inform the nursery if any of your contact details have change e.g phone numbers, email, home address, emergency contact details etc

MEET OUR STAFF TEAM

Manager: Renix Agbaje
Deputy Manager: Hannah Akinmolayan
Cook: Anita Donovan

Preschool Practitioners	Toddler Room
Jemma Bass	Dina Sinickaite – Room Leader
Dawn Stannard	Ramona Nica
Amy Johnson	Baby Room
Rachel Nunn – maternity leave.	Grace Kufre-Israel
	Lauren Smith

Parking Info

Please be reminded

- ✚ Our car park is solely for parents pick-up and drop-off only. It's not for parents parking.
- ✚ Please park your car towards the far end of the car park (and not in the middle if there's space in front) in order to allow other parents to use it too.
- ✚ Please avoid parking on the side of the Car show room on the opposite of the nursery entrance - we need to be considerate to our neighbours – thanks

Parent Corner & Learning Ideas

The Nursery is now sending storybooks to read and fun activities to do at home with our children to extend learning to home environment. We're doing this on a rota basis and the feedback from parents have been fantastic so far. It will be your child's turn soon so be on the lookout for them.

It will be fun to read with Mum & Dad

Mum & Dad - Please help us to write up about how it goes with the activity on the feedback book so we would be able to know how your child is doing at home especially for children who are shy at the nursery.

Can parents please not leave the children alone with the books/activity pack so they are not damaged. This will give every child the opportunity to use the book/activity pack – Thanks. The Early Years department at the local authority are monitoring the progress of this scheme.

School Leavers

From this term, we are going to be preparing some of our preschool children ready for 'big school' in September,

- There'll be lots of role play activities based on school and its environment.
- Some of the teachers from the neighbouring schools will come to visit the children at the nursery
- We will also go on visits to the nearby school as part of our transition process.
- Some of the activities will focus on dressing up for school
- Our children already recognise the letters of their names and are doing great with colours and numbers.

Parents will be informed nearer the time, about such school visit. We are planning a School Leaver's party on Friday 8th July 2016.

Yearly Photoshoot

Our yearly photoshoot will take place on **THURSDAY 5TH MAY 2016**. Parents will be informed of how we plan to run the photoshoot nearer the time. Please do remember that you are not under any obligation to purchase any of the photos taken on the day.

Nursery's Shoe Policy

We would like to encourage our parents to please support our NO SHOE policy in the nursery especially in the Baby Room upstairs.

Please use shoe covers when accessing downstairs rooms and no shoes at all upstairs.

EVENTS

Below are some of the activities that our children enjoyed during the last couple of months

- Fireman's Visit
- We now have a Fish tank in the preschool room that our children love to feed.

Other activities during the last two terms include;

- Cultures – we learnt about different cultures. The children dressed up in their traditional clothing, they saw different clothing items from Latvia, Lithuania, Romania, Poland, Nigeria, Ghana, Kenya, India, Afghanistan, Portugal, Albania, Slovakia and England & Wales. **A big thank you to our parents who brought food from different cultures for our children to taste.**
- Space – we learnt about Planets, Earth, Space Crafts, Stars and Aliens. **The children enjoyed making a Rocket!**
- Friendship & Relationships – we learnt about good and bad relationships, Friends, Family & Stranger Danger. **The children also enjoyed making their Family Tree**
- Chinese New Year – Our children enjoyed tasting different Chinese food specially prepared by our cook Anita.
- Valentine & Mother's Day – Our children presented their parents with Valentine cards.

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They made lovely flowers & Soft Dough (Baby room) Handprint for Mother's Day.

- Pirates and Under the Sea – we learnt about pirates and had lots of fun playing with under the sea creatures using different scenarios.
- Dr Seuss – the children looked at different books by the fab author with exciting activities

BIRTHDAYS THIS TERM:

We wish the following children a happy birthday for the autumn term;

April

- ✚ Mason, Lera, Joey & Angel

May

- ✚ Aiden & Jemimah

June

- ✚ Neve, Tofunmi, Obinna, Flavius & Luca.

July

- ✚ Denis, Julian & Reggie

August

- ✚ Arabiatou, Lailah-Grace, Laura, Ross, Djessy, Samuel & Michal

THEME FOR THE SUMMER TERM

Below are some of the theme we will be looking at during this term. Please remember to ask your child about what he/she has learnt from the nursery if they're old enough.

- **Topic** – Spring and Zoo Animals, Self Confidence & Self Awareness, Great Britain, Looking After the environment, Mini Beasts, Transport & Holidays.
- **Festivals** – Earth Day, St George's Day,
- **Special Days** – Queen's birthday, St George's Day, Dance Day, Anniversary of the Titanic sinking, Father's Day, International Children's Day, National Sun Awareness Week, National Family Week,
- **Outings** – Picnic (Grays Beach), Library Visit
- **Cooking** – Cupcakes, Face pancake, Animal cupcakes & Baking Biscuits
- **Others** – Harvesting of vegetables in the back garden as part of our Healthy Living focus.

REMINDERS

❖ Parents Notice Board

Also included at the Parents notice board this term is the latest Key Person List and Thameside Children Centre programme for April 2016.

❖ Suggestions and Complaints

We take your suggestions and complaints very seriously, as this assist in the way the nursery progresses.

• Suggestion Box

Please note that there's a suggestion box in the foyer under the Parent Notice Board for you to give us any ideas you might have to improve our practice.

• Complaints

We hope to provide you with the best service but just in case there's anything you're not happy with, please let us know by talking to your child's key person and if not satisfied, please let any of the managers know. You can also email us confidentially to

info@bluebirdschildcare.co.uk and we would deal with your complaints immediately. Please see our complaints procedure on the Parent Notice Board for more information.

❖ Bluebirds Day Nursery Website

Please visit our website at www.bluebirdschildcare.co.uk for more information about the nursery, our policies and procedures lists, updates, newsletters etc.

❖ Late Pick up

Please remember that late pickup will be charged at £15 for the first 5-15 minutes and thereafter, it will be £15 for every 15 minutes. We will log in a late pick-up of more than 30 minutes with the local authority where no contact has been established with the parents/carer.

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

- ❖ **Monday 2nd May** – Bank Holiday- Nursery closed
- ❖ **Thursday 5th May 2016** - Photoshoot Day
- ❖ **Monday 30th May** – Bank Holiday - Nursery closed
- ❖ **Monday 30th May –Friday 3rd June** – Half term (funded children only)
- ❖ **Friday 8th July 2016** - School Leaver's party
- ❖ **Friday 15th July** – Last day of term for funded children only.

Learning is fun @ Bluebirds

Pictures from Cultural Day, Christmas party, Fireman's visit and a child enjoying Maths with dinosaur bones.



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