

# BLUEBIRDS DAY NURSERY – SEPTEMBER 2014 NEWSLETTER

Hello everyone,  
You're welcome to our AUTUMN newsletter.  
We give a warm welcome to all the new children and parents who have recently joined the nursery. We also want to welcome back our pre-schoolers from their summer break. Hope you had fun!

At Bluebirds, we are looking forward to an exciting autumn term.

## **2-YEAR-OLD GOVERNMENT FUNDED HOURS**

We now offer the 15 government funded hours for our eligible 2-year-olds. To check if your child is entitled to the funding, please call Kim Stevens, the 2-year-old entitlement officer directly on **01375652562** or the Family Information Service on **01375652801**.

## **FUNDED CHILDREN SESSIONS**

We now have three sessions for those who wish to do their funded hours over 5 days. They are 8am-11am, 11.30am-2.30pm and 3-6pm Mondays to Fridays.

## **MEET OUR STAFF TEAM**

**Managers:** Renix and Hannah  
**Deputy Manager:** Beckie de Laune (on maternity leave)

### **Preschool**

**Room Leader -** Bekkie Webster  
**Other Practitioners -** Katrina Moore and Hannah Leary.

### **Baby & Toddler Room**

**Room Leader:** Dina Sinackaite  
**Other Practitioners:** Bunmi Adesina and Lauren Smith

**Cook:** Emma Ringrow

**Cover Staff:** Grace Kufre-Israel, Ishpinder Kaur, Katie Bradley & Karen Bullen.

## **EVENTS**

Below are some of the activities that our children enjoyed during summer 2014

- We visited Grays Beach for an exciting day of picnic and playground fun. Thanks to the parents that came to help.
- Our children were involved in shopping for resources to re-arrange

their rooms. They shopped at Aldi, Morrison and Wilkinson for the Jungle and Underwater theme. They also bought food items to make pizza and some fruits and ice lollies for snack time. Well done, children!

- We visited the Post Office to post the children's artwork for the day to their parents at their home address. Can you confirm if you receive yours please?
- We also visited Grays library during summer to check out more books since our last visit there. The children enjoyed the walk to the library and the fresh air.

## **BIRTHDAYS THIS TERM:**

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

### **September**

✚ Joseph, Tyler and Lara-Lee

### **October**

✚ Emilija and Sarah

### **November**

✚ Oscar

### **December**

✚ Ruby and Ayomide

## **OFSTED REPORT**

We had an OFSTED inspection on 25 July 2014 and we had a GOOD outcome. A copy of the inspection report is on the parents' noticeboard at the nursery or you can read the full report online using this link

<http://www.ofsted.gov.uk/inspection-reports/find-inspection-report/provider/CARE/EY448795>

## **Outcome of our last Questionnaire**

A big thank you to all the parents who completed our last questionnaire. Here are some of the changes we've made from your recommendations;

- ✚ There are now numbers and letters in our garden to further extend our children's learning outdoors.
- ✚ Our newsletter is now available online for easy access to parents.
- ✚ Parents of full time preschool children are now given a daily feedback sheet
- ✚ Parents are encouraged to come into the nursery to pick up their children

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after each session instead of staff taking them to the door for collection

- ✚ There are more outings and cooking sessions planned for our children this term.

## **THEME FOR THE AUTUMN TERM**

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

- **Topic** - Light and Dark, Animals and Hibernation, Fireworks, Everyone is different, 5 Senses etc
- **Festivals** – Harvest, Diwali
- **Special Days** – Grandparents Day, World Food Day, Thanksgiving
- **Outings** – Walk to the park to collect leaves.
- **Cooking** – Red Hen biscuits and Firework pizza, Snowman cupcakes.
- **Nature** – Planting Seeds.
- **Parties** – Birthday parties and Christmas party

## **PARENTS CORNER**

### ❖ **Home Learning ideas**

This term, we're big on Maths and here's how you can support your child at home.

- Use the word 'more' and 'less', 'big' and 'small' in communication with them.
- Matching items like socks, shoes,
- Sorting bowls, pans, cutlery, cups into different sizes.
- Draw your child's attention to different shapes around the house.
- Draw your child's attention to numbers around them, for example, bus numbers, receipt numbers on telephone, on keyboards.

### ❖ **Parents Notice Board**

Please note that there is a Notice Board in the foyer as you come into the nursery with lots of information about the nursery's routine, menu, staff members photos, photos of children doing activities at the nursery and on outings etc.

### ❖ **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](mailto: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](http://www.bluebirdschildcare.co.uk) for more information about the nursery, our policies and procedures, updates, newsletters etc

### ❖ **Late Pick up**

Please remember that late pickup will be charged at £15 for the first 15 minutes and thereafter. 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 27<sup>th</sup> – Friday 31<sup>st</sup> October** – Half term (funded children only)
- ❖ **Friday 19<sup>th</sup> December** – Last day of term for funded children only.
- ❖ **Wednesday 24<sup>th</sup> - 2<sup>nd</sup> January 2015** – NURSERY CLOSED
- ❖ **Monday 5<sup>th</sup> January 2015** – Nursery opens

## **NURSERY CONTACT DETAILS**

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