

Blue Bell Woods Newsletter

December 2017

What are we learning at Blue Bell Woods?

We have been extremely creative this month, taking part in all manner of festive messy play, cookery and craft activities. Please be prepared for lots of glitter!



Links to the EYFS: Expressive Arts and Design ~ 16-26 months: Explores and experiments with a range of media through sensory exploration, and using whole body. 30-50 months: Beginning to be interested in and describe the texture of things. 40-60 months: Understands that different media can be combined to create new effects.



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Happy Birthday to children celebrating in December!



James (3)



Lawson (3)



Reggie (3)



Sofia (3)

Termly Reviews

Each child will receive their Termly Review this month. Please add any comments, sign and return the review to nursery.

We will file the review in your child's Learning Journey which you are free to access at any time.

Thank you.

Outside Play

We use the garden all year round, whatever the weather!

We have therefore invested in puddle suits for the children to wear while they are outdoors in the wetter weather.



However, please could you provide wellies (to stay at nursery if possible).

PLEASE NAME YOUR CHILD'S BELONGINGS.



Supporting our Community

We would like to thank all the families who donated so generously to our harvest festival collection throughout the Autumn Term. The goods were gratefully received by the charity 'Hope4' who help homeless and badly-housed people in Rugby, Warwickshire.

Fundraising for Messef

At Blue Bell Woods, we support the charity **Friends of Messef**, who aim to ensure the children of MESSEF orphanage in Haiti receive the basic necessities of life, plus as many extra blessings as possible.



On Friday 15th December, children are warmly invited to wear a Christmas jumper/ outfit and to make a contribution to Friends of Messef. Thank you.

Dates for your Diary

Thursday 14th December - Family Sing-a-long at 4.30pm

Friday 15th December- Christmas Jumper Day

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Monday 18th December - Family Sing-a-long at 10.30am

Tuesday 19th December – Christmas Lunch

Thursday 21st December – Children's Christmas Party 10:30am – 1pm

Friday 22nd December – Pyjama Day!

Friday 22nd December- Last day of Autumn Term/ last day of funded sessions

w/b 25th December- NURSERY CLOSED ALL WEEK

Monday 1st January 2018- Bank Holiday- Nursery Closed

Tuesday 2nd January 2018- Nursery reopens at 7.45am

Monday 8th January 2018- Funded sessions resume



Gemma and all the staff at Blue Bell Woods wish you a Merry Christmas and Happy New Year.



Blue Bell Woods Festive Events 2017

Christmas Jumper Day!
Friday 15th December

Children are invited to wear a Christmas jumper or outfit and to make a voluntary contribution to our nursery charity, Friends of Messef.

www.friendsofmessef.webs.com

Festive Family Sing-a-longs!
Thursday 14th December ~ 4.30pm
Friday 15th December ~ 4.30pm
Monday 18th December ~ 10.30am

Families are warmly invited to join us for an informal sing-a-long and refreshments. For health and safety reasons, we will initially limit attendance to two adults per family. We will put up grids shortly so you can choose which day you would like to attend. Alternatively, email the nursery to tell us on which day you would like to join the fun!

Places are limited, so please let us know as soon as possible to avoid disappointment. We will open up the event to extended family if space allows.

Christmas Dinner
Tuesday 19th December

Sonia, our on-site chef, will be cooking the children a Christmas lunch for their main meal of the day. This will consist of Turkey crown, pigs in blankets, roast potatoes, vegetables and gravy. All dietary needs will be catered for as usual.

Children's Christmas Party
Thursday 21st December
10:30am - 1pm

Children will be celebrating Christmas with party games and a festive party lunch. If your child does not attend nursery on a Thursday, you are welcome to drop off your child and leave them for the duration of the party. Please confirm by 8th December if your child will be attending. Thank you.

Pyjama Day
Friday 22nd December

The children and staff will be having a pyjama day full of festive activities, hot chocolate and Christmas music to get into the Christmas spirit.