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Our Commitment to Safeguarding

**Safeguarding is
EVERYONE'S
responsibility**

If you have any concerns regarding the safety or welfare of any child, please contact Nerys Evans or Reanne Sykes, our Designated Safeguarding Leads, in confidence.

There is further safeguarding information on our [website](#) and paper copies are available on request.

Happy Birthday to children celebrating in December!



Charlotte



Eli

Health Matters

At this time of year, lots of children suffer from minor coughs and colds. If your child is well in themselves and able to take part in the nursery routine, then they may come to nursery.

You must let us know if you gave your child infant paracetamol (e.g. Calpol) before they came to nursery.

Please ensure your contact details are up to date and you are contactable should your child become unwell and need collecting.

If your child has a temperature of over 38C they should NOT come to nursery.

If your child has an infectious illness or communicable disease, they should NOT come to nursery. This includes:

- Sickness/ diarrhoea – may return 48 hours after the last episode.
- Scarlet Fever- may return after 24hrs of antibiotic treatment
- Chicken pox – may return five days from onset of rash and when all the lesions have crusted over.
- Impetigo – may return when all lesions are crusted /healed

Please let us know if your child will not be in nursery for any reason- you can use the famly app, email us or ring us.

Family Partnership – The FAMLY App

The FAMLY app is a great way for you to communicate with us.

Use the ACTIVITY tab to let us know if your child is off sick/ on holiday.

Use the JOURNEY tab to upload photos of your child. We love to see their achievements, cultural celebrations and home activities.

Use the ABOUT tab to update health matters, such as allergies, dietary requirements and medical issues.

Use the CONTACTS tab to add new emergency contacts and to invite family members/ contacts to view the app.

Use the MESSAGES tab to send a message to the office; these are not seen by individual staff members, but the office will share information.

Use the BALANCE tab to view your account.

If you would like more information about using the app, please click [here](#).

Family Partnership – ‘My Family’

We would be delighted if you could provide us with photos of family members, pets or friends of your child that we can print and look at together.

Please email a MAXIMUM of FIVE photos, indicating who the people are, or send them in via the FAMLY app.

Thank you to the parents who have already sent photos in; the children have been so excited to talk about their families!



Early Education Funded Offers

2-Year-old funded sessions (2HELP)

Up to 15 hours of FREE childcare available per week for eligible families, for 38 weeks per year.

Click [here](#) for more information about 2HELP.

3- and 4-year-old funded offer (the term after your child's 3rd birthday).

Up to 15 hours of universal free entitlement available per week, for 38 weeks per year and a further 15 hours of extended free entitlement available for qualifying working families, for 38 weeks per year. 'Term Time only' option or 'Stretch' option available.

Click [here](#) for more information about 3-and 4-year-old funding.

Funded hours are offered free of charge as part of our standard session times, and not as a stand-alone offer. An additional service charge is payable for the times in the standard session which are not funded.

Please click [here](#) to view our fee structure.

What have we been learning?

To recognise Remembrance Day, we took part in poppy themed creative activities and experiences. The older children were invited to observe the two-minute silence on Armistice Day.



At Blue Bell Woods, British Values are embedded in our curriculum.

We promote:

- Democracy
- Mutual Respect
- Tolerance
- Rule of Law
- Individual Liberty

Remembrance Day helps children make links between their lives, their freedoms, and the values in England.

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Supporting Children in Need

We had great fun taking part in activities to support the charity 'Children in Need'. The children wore some fantastic spotty outfits and Pudsey Bear themed clothing!

If you would like to donate, please click [here](#) to visit the Children in Need donation page.





**Charity Christmas Jumper Week
w/b 5th December 2022**

Save the Children Christmas Jumper day falls on 8th December.

All week, children are invited to wear a Christmas jumper/ outfit.

If you are able, please donate [here](#).

**Children's Christmas Parties
w/b 12th December 2022**

Children will be celebrating with music, dancing, party games and festive party food throughout the week.

Christmas Dinner ~ Tuesday 13th December 2022

We will be providing a Christmas dinner for children attending on this day.

All dietary needs will be catered for as usual.

Last day of term for term-time only children:

Friday 16th December 2022

Christmas Break ~ Nursery Closed:

26th December 2022- 2nd January 2023

We reopen after our Christmas break at 7.45am on **Tuesday 3rd January 2023**.

Spring Term 2023 **FUNDED** sessions commence on **Monday 9th January 2023**.

If your child will not be in nursery on any days leading up to Christmas, please let us know so that we can adjust our catering arrangements.

Thank you.