

# Blue Bell Woods Newsletter

## January 2017

### What are we learning at Blue Bell Woods?

We have had a busy start to the New Year taking part in a range of exciting activities and experiences.



We had fun in the Baby Unit exploring mirrors and were fascinated with our reflections!

We enjoyed a 3D threading activity using pasta shapes and cotton reels to create our own masterpieces! The activity took a lot of patience and persistence and we were proud of our achievements.



We experimented with number stamps and paint to make colourful prints. This art activity linked into our mathematical learning:

EYFS, Mathematics, 30-50 months:

Beginning to represent numbers using fingers, marks on paper or pictures.

Shows an interest in numerals in the environment.

Shows an interest in representing numbers.

### Staff News

We are delighted to announce some exciting news for Stephanie McKee, our Deputy Manager. Steph is embarking on a new journey to pursue her dream of nursing. Steph will continue to work at the nursery on a Tuesday and Wednesday while carrying out her studies. She will also continue to be a Designated Safeguarding Lead and our Time to Talk Champion so please still approach Steph if you have any questions regarding your child's speech and language. We wish Steph every success with her new career.



We are very pleased to introduce Julie Alsop who has joined our team as Deputy Manager. Julie is an extremely experienced and well qualified Nursery Practitioner with a Foundation Degree in Early Childhood Studies. Julie has previously worked in Full Day Care settings as well as Children's Centres, so brings a wealth of knowledge to the role.

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### Family Partnership

Many thanks to the families that joined us for our Festive Sing-a-longs last month. We are sure you will agree that the children did a wonderful job learning and performing a range of Christmas songs.

**Happy Birthday!** The following children are celebrating birthdays in January...



Esme (2)



Harley (3)



Jude (3)



Ruby (3)



Scarlett (3)

**Medication:** Please can we ask that you **DO NOT** leave medication in children's bags; please hand any medication to a member of staff who will ask you to sign a medication form.

**Inhalers:** If your child uses an inhaler, please ensure you provide us with a spare inhaler to keep at nursery. Your child's GP will be happy to provide a second inhaler and spacer. Please **DO NOT** leave inhalers in your child's bag. Please keep us up to date with your children's health needs, allergies and dietary requirements.

### Winter Weather

Please ensure your child comes to nursery with a warm coat, hat, gloves, wellingtons etc. We go outside every day, whatever the weather! Please **NAME** all your child's belongings, as many children have similar jackets and bags. Staff may need to initial belongings that are not named; we will assume you are happy with this unless you advise us to the contrary.

**Stay and Play Session**  
**Tuesday 14<sup>th</sup> February**  
**2017 ~ 10am-10.45am**

Families are warmly  
invited to join us for  
Valentine's Day themed  
activities.



Please let us know if you  
can attend. Thank you.

### All About Me!

We like to make a Family Book for each child to share at nursery. We would be very grateful if you could supply us with approximately five photographs to go in the book: the photos could be of special people in your child's life, their favourite toy/ comforter, any special cultural/ family events they have attended, any pets, a photo of their house etc.

You are welcome to email the photographs to [bluebellwoodsdaynursery@gmail.com](mailto:bluebellwoodsdaynursery@gmail.com), or to bring in printed copies. Please write a brief description about each photo if possible so we can personalise your child's Family Book. If you have already sent in photographs, please disregard this message.

### Dates for your Diary

- Tuesday 14<sup>th</sup> February 2017 ~ Family Stay and Play Session, 10am-10.45am
- w/b 20<sup>th</sup> February 2017- Half Term (no funded sessions)
- Thursday 2<sup>nd</sup> March 2017- World Book Day – Fancy Dress optional
- Thursday 2<sup>nd</sup> March 2017 – Parent Evening (details to follow)