

# Blue Bell Woods Newsletter

## November 2017

**What are we learning at Blue Bell Woods:** We have been busy learning about Diwali, Bonfire Night, Remembrance Day and Autumn. We created firework pictures with glitter glue, made diva lamps, tasted some Indian snacks, made paper plate poppies and explored some Autumn items in the Discovery Tray.



Links to the EYFS: UW 22-36 months -Learns that they have similarities and differences that connect them to, and distinguish them from, others. EAD 30-50 months - Beginning to be interested in and describe the texture of things

**Children in Need!** A big thank you to everyone who kindly made a donation on Friday 17<sup>th</sup> November. The children had a lovely day decorating biscuits with coloured icing, dressing in spotty clothes (or in their Pudsey Bear outfits) and colouring pictures of Pudsey.

We raised a total of £57 for Children in Need this year, so again, a huge thank you to everyone that got involved.



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### Happy Birthday!

The following children are celebrating birthdays in November...



Olivia (2)



Charlie (3)



Laura (3)



Aman (4)

### 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.**

### Family Partnership

Thank you to the families that joined us for our Parents' Evening this month. If you were unable to attend you can still arrange a convenient time to speak to your child's key person if you wish to.

### 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.



Easyfundraising.org.uk is a great way to raise money for Friends of Messef just by shopping online. You don't pay anything extra when you buy goods online, yet a percentage of the purchase price goes directly to our charity. So far, over £550 has been raised for Messef just by supporters simply clicking on [easyfundraising](http://easyfundraising) before visiting their usual online retailer! Happy shopping!

### 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





## **Blue Bell Woods Festive Events**

**Christmas Jumper Day!**  
Friday 15<sup>th</sup> 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](http://www.friendsofmessef.webs.com)

**Festive Family Sing-a-longs!**  
Thursday 14<sup>th</sup> December ~ 4.30pm  
Friday 15<sup>th</sup> December ~ 4.30pm  
Monday 18<sup>th</sup> 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 19<sup>th</sup> December 2017

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 21<sup>st</sup> 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 8<sup>th</sup> December if your child will be attending. Thank you.

**Pyjama Day**  
Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> 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.