

# Blue Bell Woods Newsletter

## June 2018

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

In Pre-school this month we have been learning about things related to holidays and the seaside. We have been learning about different types, shapes and colours of sea shells, which everyone seemed to enjoy. We listened really hard to try and hear the sea! The Over Twos have been learning about filling/ emptying, they have also done lots of messy and sensory activities and have talked lots about textures. The Babies have also been doing lots of malleable activities to encourage their exploratory impulses.



#### Links to the EYFS:

EAD – 8-20 months: Explores and experiments with a range of media through sensory exploration, and using whole body. EAD – 30-50 months: Beginning to be interested in and describe the texture of things. UW – 30-50 months: Comments and asks questions about aspects of their familiar world such as the place where they live or the natural world.

### Sun/ Outdoor Safety

Please provide your child with a **NAMED sun hat** (to keep at nursery if possible).

Nursery will provide Nivea Factor 50 sun cream. If your child has a preferred brand please supply a bottle. Please note that if your child does not have a sun hat they will be unable to access the garden during very warm times.

Please also provide your child with suitable footwear for outdoor play as some sandals/ flip-flops are proving quite hazardous when using play equipment.



Thank you.



#### Dates for your Diary:

- 4<sup>th</sup> July – Graduation photos 1pm – 2pm (Primary school leavers only)
- Thursday 19<sup>th</sup> July – Leavers' Parents Evening (All children going to School or Pre-school)
- Friday 20<sup>th</sup> July Graduation Party 2pm - 4:30pm (Ceremony at 5pm) Details to follow
- Last day of Summer term Friday 20<sup>th</sup> July 2018
- No funded sessions 23<sup>rd</sup> July – 3<sup>rd</sup> September 2018



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



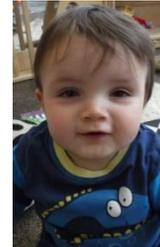
Connie (4)



David (2)



Freddie (2)



Ardan (1)

### Family Partnership:

A big thank you to those that managed to attend our F.U.D.G.E. Tea on Friday 15<sup>th</sup> June. We held a tea party in the garden as a Father's Day celebration, with lots of treats. The weather stayed fine and we all enjoyed spending time with each other.



Links to the EYFS: PSED – 22-36 months:  
Shows affection and concern for people who are special to them.

We are coming towards the end of the Summer Term now, and some children will be leaving us to go to school or Pre-school. On Thursday 19<sup>th</sup> July we will be holding an informal Parents' Evening for families of those children who are leaving us. We will also be holding a Graduation Party on the afternoon of Friday 20<sup>st</sup> July for the children. More details will follow shortly for those that this affects.



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### Safeguarding at Blue Bell Woods:

As part of our safeguarding practices we ensure that children, staff and visitors are as safe as possible when on nursery premises. As such it is nursery policy that Parents/ carers, visitors and contractors **do not** enter the children's toilets unless a member of staff is present. This ensures that no child is left with an unfamiliar adult, and that no adult is left in a vulnerable situation with a child. If your own child needs to use the facilities while you are here and you wish to take them, please ask a member of staff first so we can check that no other children are having nappy/ clothes changed or using the toilets. This also allows us to monitor the toilet area to ensure no other children come in while you are there.

Thank you for your understanding,



### Policy reminder:

When children are being collected by an unfamiliar person, we ask that they are given a password so that we are able to confirm they are authorised to collect the child. If a person comes to collect a child and we are not aware of this prior arrangement then we will not let the person inside until we confirm that they are able to take the child home. We will ask the person collecting to wait in the lobby or, if there are children in the lobby, then we will ask that they wait outside while we check they are able to take a child. If we are unable to make contact with the child's Parent/ carer then unfortunately we will not release the child until we are able to get that confirmation as per nursery policy. We appreciate this may be frustrating for the person collecting, however we have a duty to ensure that we send children home with the correct people. Failure to do so could place a child at risk.

As you may be aware, you have the option of adding a person/ persons to your contact list thus giving them permission to collect your child from nursery at any time. However, if people rarely collect we may not remember them by sight, therefore we will still call the parent/ carer to ensure that this is acceptable. It is advised that if you are adding a person to your forms to allow them to collect your child, that you provide a picture of the person. This means that if they do not collect regularly and we are unable to remember them by sight, that we have a point of reference.

Could we please remind Parents/ carers that it is your responsibility to update your records should circumstances change, e.g. address, contact details or who is/ is not able to collect your child.

Many thanks.