

Hello Everyone!

Welcome to our Autumn newsletter.

Since our last news update lots of things have been happening at Blue Door and there are a few things to bring you up to date with:



STAFF

* We are excited to welcome Holly, Lauren, and Ria to the Blue Door team. Holly is training for her Level 3 qualification and has joined the Lions team. Lauren is also training for her Level 3 qualification and has joined the Kittens team. Ria has experience of working in nurseries and has joined us to complete her Level 2 training.

* Other staff news – This term we have said goodbye to Terri, Zoe, Abby, Lauren and Lucy. Both Terri and Zoe have young children and have decided to take a break to dedicate their time to being mum. Both Abby and Lauren have made career changes. Lucy finished her Level 2 qualification and has decided to go travelling. We wish them all well in their new ventures!

PHOTOS

*Photos will be arriving over the next week, please return orders to nursery by 8th December in time for Christmas.

LIONS PARENTS EVENING

*We are planning to hold parents evening for the Lions group in February 2022. More information will follow in the new year.

BLUE DOOR SWAP AND SHARE

* Our swap and share is continuing to be a success. We've had lots of lovely donations and hope that everyone is making good use of it!

GARDEN PLAY

* We continue to enjoy the garden in all weathers – please make sure your child has appropriate clothing! For the very youngest children, an 'all in one' suit can be very helpful as they do like to get 'in amongst' the grass and the play areas. Everyone else needs wellies and a coat – please put names in clothing!

BUILDING WORK

* You will have seen that the roofing works are now underway at the back of the nursery and should be finished within the next few weeks. Thank you to Danny <https://www.technique-roofers.co.uk/> who is one of our Cubs' team parents.

CHRISTMAS

* We are planning to take our Lions children to the Baptist Church to sing their Christmas songs on a big stage. Unfortunately, parents will not be able to attend due to Covid restrictions (we have spoken to local schools and they are doing similarly). We will record it so you can enjoy it at home with your child. More information will follow in the coming weeks. Everyone else will be getting festive and taking part in lots of Christmassy activities as well as singing our traditional Christmas songs!

REMINDERS

* Please can you make sure that mobile phones are not in use at drop off and pick up times. This is to ensure handovers for children are accurate and to adhere to our safeguarding procedures. We understand that important calls need to be made/answered, please ensure these take place outside of the nursery premisses.

* Please be considerate to our neighbours when you are dropping off or picking up your child. Please don't park over their driveways- it's not fair. Please drive round the corner to find a safe space to park – we have seen parents 'double-parking' to 'save a couple of minutes' – we need to keep all the children safe and by double parking you are putting children in danger.

SICKNESS AND ILLNESS

* As we move into the Winter months we will begin to see coughs and colds spreading through nursery. We do all we can to keep the staff and children healthy – please make sure you play your part too! This means:

-Not sending your child to nursery if they are unwell. We do not administer Calpol if children are poorly – if they need Calpol, they need to be at home. We keep 'emergency' calpol at nursery to give to children in the event of a temperature 'spike' to try and prevent a temperature related convulsion.

-Keeping your child at home if they have had a bout of sickness or diarrhoea. We ask that they are kept at home for 48 hours after the last 'episode'. Here is a link to our website where you will find our Medication policy and our Sickness and illness policy which goes into detail about exclusion periods for illnesses. <https://www.bluedoornursery.co.uk/important-information/>

MESSAGES FROM THE OFFICE

* As many parents have experienced there is high demand for places at Blue Door, we are now booking Lions spaces for academic year 2022/23. However, there are a few Kittens and Cubs spaces left for after January 2022. If you have friends who are thinking of using the nursery it would be sensible for them to make their bookings now so that we are able to facilitate their needs!

* Please ensure 30 hour funding codes are kept up to date and renewed quarterly. Existing funding codes need to be updated by 31st December 2021 to continue extended funding through the spring term.

* Please can you make sure that you pick up your child promptly, Lisa has noticed that the late pick ups are creeping in again and she will be rigorously applying the late charge from December.

* Term finishes for the 'term time only' children on Friday 17th December. Funding restarts Monday 10th January 2022. If you would like extra sessions for the week of 20th December 2021 and 4th January 2022, please email in to the office on bluedoornursery@gmail.com

WE CLOSE AT 1PM ON CHRISTMAS EVE AND REOPEN 7.30AM ON TUESDAY 4TH JANUARY 2022