



A Sure Start Children's Centre

Bluebells Children's Centre Update

On behalf of all the staff at Bluebells Children's Centre we would like to wish you all a happy and prosperous New Year.

January - March 2012

Bluebells Children's Centre is a fun family friendly provision where you can come to relax and enjoy your time with your children aged 0-5 years.

We offer weekly activities, child health clinics, training opportunities, family support and programmes to help you learn more about your developing child.



Fun we've had....

Christmas Party

107 adults and children attended Bluebells Winter Wonderland themed Christmas party. Families enjoyed arts and crafts; making Christmas cards, decorations, fairy wings, wands, angels and decorating biscuits. After refreshments the messy fun continued with snow play, foam play and much more!

"A huge thank you once again for a fabulous party, Everyone involved did an excellent job and we have had an incredible time"



The children's excitement grew as Father Christmas joined in with the fun, giving the children a gift, and taking part in the singing and dancing!

"Thank you for a really fun filled party. Santa was ace and we really enjoyed ourselves"

As the party came to an end a prize draw took place with all the names of attendees being entered: 8 lucky families won free entry to Imagine or a variety of activities from Great Chart Pitch and Putt, all prizes had been kindly donated.

Autumn Walk

49 parents & children took part in the Autumn Walk. The children enjoyed collecting twigs, leaves and bark which they later made collages with at Bluebells. *"We really enjoyed the outdoors and my son loved collecting bits and practising his climbing"*



What's on

Twins Club

Every Friday
9.45am - 11.45am
Ashford Twins club is a weekly session for families with multiples in Ashford and the surrounding



Areas. Come along and enjoy crafts, singing and gain support, ideas and friendship. Ashford Twins Club is affiliated to the Twins and Multiple Birth Association "TAMBA"

Housing and Employment Benefits Advisor

Drop In 1.00pm - 3.00pm
every second and fourth Tuesday

The local Housing and Employment Benefits Advisor is available to give you advice and information on the local job market, preparing your CV, training and support and connecting you with a careers, benefits or volunteering advisor.

Appointments with the Housing and Employment Benefits Advisor are also available. Please telephone Bluebells Children's Centre on: 01233 622296

Change in times

Please note that some group times are changing during 2012. Please contact Emma at Bluebells for further information or details are available on our website and in our current bulletin.



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Coming up....

Pre weaning workshop

Tuesday 14th February

10.00am - 11.30am

This is a one off session

Ideally suited for parents with babies from 3 - 6 months old.

Friendly and informal advice

to gain ideas, tips and

information on how to wean your baby.

To register an interest Please contact Bluebells Children's Centre on: 01233 622296 .



Baby Massage

Baby Massage increases parent's confidence and aids bonding, improving Digestion, promoting circulation and stimulating the immune system.

Please contact Bluebells Children's Centre on: 01233 622296.

Winter Wander Walk

Friday 17th February

10.30am -1.00pm

Come along to Bluebells and

join our fully trained Health

Walkers for a buggy friendly

winter wander on Hothfield Common. Followed by

arts and craft and an indoor picnic at the centre.



Parent Forum

Join us for an informal chat and voice your ideas and views on services on 26th January 2012 at 11.00am (during parent and toddler group) Light refreshments will be provided.

Update on previous Parent Forum

You said: Events could be advertised better within groups

We are: Making an announcement at the end of our drop ins to advertise these better

The last parent forum we discussed safeguarding and what to do if you have concerns about a child. Parents gave their approval for the format of the safeguarding leaflet and this is now available to all parents throughout the Ashford locality.

We are here to help....

If you would like to attend any of our sessions but due to lack of transport are unable to get here then please contact the centre - we may be able to help.

Time Out For Parents with Twins

Starting Thursday 23rd February 2011

12.30pm - 2.30pm



This 4 week course is for parents with twins looking at way of dealing with your twins behaviour as individuals. Followed by individual play sessions with one twin at

a time. *To register an interest Please contact Emma at Bluebells Children's Centre on: 01233 622296 .Please note limited crèche places will be available*

Chill with Dad

Dads & male carers are invited

to meet monthly on the 1st

Tuesday at 7 - 9pm. This is

an opportunity to socialise, share experiences, and take part in informal information sessions such as first aid for babies & Children. There are also various drop in sessions to enjoy play and craft activities or trips out . Please contact Kat at Homestart for more information on 01233 647209



Updating your Details

It is important to please remember to update your details with reception if you have had any additional children since registering, moved address, changed your email address or phone number.

