

# BLOSSOM NURSERY NEWS



Blossom Nursery  
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**“WE ARE COMMITTED TO  
PROVIDING A LEARNING SPACE  
THAT IS BOTH SECURE AND  
STIMULATING”**

**BLOSSOM MANAGEMENT TEAM.**



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## WELCOME BACK ISSUE

2<sup>ND</sup> SEPTEMBER 2010

Dear Parents,

Welcome one, welcome all.

After several weeks of Blossom Summer fun we are ready to commence a new academic year at Blossom and formally open for our first academic term at Blossom Village this week.

Our new term starts 5<sup>th</sup> September and we shall be focusing on settling the children into the nursery environment. We shall not be scheduling any waterplay or specialist sessions within the first week but will be host to these, languages, drumming and more from next week. Please note Sunday 5<sup>th</sup> September the nursery will close at 1pm and we will close for two days for Eid. While these were originally scheduled for Sept 12 / 13 we are now being informed that Thursday and Sunday will be the official holidays (Sept 9<sup>th</sup> and 12<sup>th</sup>) subject to official lunar sighting. We will confirm but please note in your calendars accordingly.

We would like to welcome our new families to the Blossom community; I look forward to meeting each of you individually over the course of our Blossom year together.  
Kind regards,

*Charlotte Gast*

Blossom Managing Director



*Welcome  
children, we're  
glad you're here.  
We're all going to  
have a wonderful  
year!  
We'll draw and  
we'll paint,  
We'll read and  
we'll play,  
We'll sing and  
we'll build,  
And learn new  
things the  
Blossom way!*

**REMINDER FOR ALL PARENTS : Ramadan timings for Blossom**

**No Breakfast Club**

**Normal Drop Off: 830am**

**Last Pick Up: 430pm**

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*Think about the Environment before printing this document!* 

## CHILDREN'S PAPERWORK

In preparation for your child's first day please ensure that all paperwork has been submitted to the office.

Paperwork required by the office is as follows:

- Application form
- Medical questionnaire
- Vaccination record (copy)
- Birth certificate (copy)
- Child's passport & visa page (copy)
- Father's passport & visa page (copy)
- One passport sized photo

If you are unsure as to what paperwork remains for your child's file, please contact the office staff.

## BLOSSOM HEALTH & SAFETY POLICY

With many of our children returning to Dubai after Summer holidays around the world we would like to stress our Health & Medical Policy for the nursery and encourage vigilance with the health concerns at present. Attached with the newsletter is the nursery policy "When to keep your child at home" notes.

We encourage parents to communicate an illness that their child contracts that is contagious so we may share this information with our other parents. The strictest of confidence will be maintained at all times.

## UPCOMING EVENTS

- 5<sup>th</sup> Sept – Opening of new term @ Blossom & Blossom Village
- 9<sup>th</sup> – 12<sup>th</sup> Sept - Eid Al Fitr\* - Nursery Closed.

\*Islamic holidays to be confirmed

## MEDICAL INFO, ALLERGIES & FOOD RESTRICTIONS

The medical records for our children are of paramount importance.

Therefore we MUST stress that all medical forms are submitted and up-to-date.

Please submit updated records as applicable for:

- Original medical questionnaires
- Current vaccination records
- Allergy / food restriction details.

Our medical staff and office staff will be available during Induction mornings to receive any information required.

Please note that children may not attend nursery until the signed medical questionnaire is provided to the office.

## INTRODUCTION TO DIRTY BERTIE

"Dirty Bertie" is the latest character promoting good hygiene practice for children today. Over the next few weeks our children shall be introduced to this funny but educational character to instill good hygiene practices to all. Check out details at:

<http://chromaagency.com/news/dirty-bertie-for-the-nhs/>

[http://www.dh.gov.uk/en/Publicationsandstatistics/Publications/PublicationsPolicyAndGuidance/DH\\_085121](http://www.dh.gov.uk/en/Publicationsandstatistics/Publications/PublicationsPolicyAndGuidance/DH_085121)

<http://www.littletigerpress.com/lyndall/bertie.htm>



## BLOSSOM FIRST DAY PREPARATIONS

The 5<sup>th</sup> of September marks the first day of the Fall term at Blossom & Blossom Village.

In order to ensure a smooth introduction to the nurseries we would like parents to review the attached "Information for Parents to Prepare for the First Days of Nursery" which contains information on what to bring to nursery.

Hopefully you have enjoyed the induction experience with your class team and shared all the information that will help in settling our new children into our education spaces. The next two weeks there is open enrollment and transfer to Blossom Village for those families who wish to transfer between sites. On September 16<sup>th</sup> all classes will be finalized along with enrollment times. Please ensure all personal items are clearly labelled for storage and care. We encourage you to look at the Stuck On You website, for labelling options for clothing, bags, water bottles etc. To order phone Helene on 04 334 9447 or visit [www.stuckonyou.biz/blossomchildrensnursery](http://www.stuckonyou.biz/blossomchildrensnursery)

## THE BLOSSOM LEARNING INTENTIONS

This term we begin with our first blossom theme – Myself & Me which is a six week theme and explores a child's self and the world they inhabit. We want children to find security in their space and have a range of activities that welcome children to school and help understand the golden rules. We discuss our bodies and what they do (see/smell/touch/taste/listen etc.) and begin understanding relationships with others (defining spatial boundaries, self care, respect and care for others) and culminate how we can be something else with our Halloween dress up party. This week children will use mirrors, draw self portraits, talk about their favourite things, do body bingo and paint printing hands and feet. We have attached the document Understanding the British Foundation Model which outlines the framework of the curriculum we use and will introduce you to Skygarden and sensory projects we will start with in the coming weeks. By now all families should have received their smartbook – please ensure this is back to the class teacher latest by Tuesday this week with a photo of your child in prime position on the cover page as we will be discussing our smartbooks in class.

## BLOSSOM WELCOME PACK

We have customised bags for each of our newly enrolled children and for those returning and new children a Blossom polo shirt. Babies should wear polos on Monday, Toddlers on Tuesday and preschoolers on Wednesday. There may be other special uniform days - check your class whiteboard for details but please endeavor to send them in Blossom gear at least once a week as we begin to discuss school spirit. Smartbooks are given to all children and should go home each Thursday and be brought back on Sunday. Baby Diaries go home daily for all children in Baby and Toddler classes. Please fill in details and ensure your child's photo is placed inside asap.



### NEW BLOSSOM STAFF

We have the pleasure of opening the Blossoms academic term with a wonderful team of ladies who are all ready and raring to teach, coach, inspire & support our children through the Blossom curriculum.

May we take the opportunity to WELCOME our team on board and look forward to sending families more information about the area teachers and staff.



### PAYMENT REMINDER

New term starts 5th September and all term payments are required in full prior to the first day for your child. Payments can be made by cash, cheque or bank transfer.

Please contact our new registrars on the following contact details:

Emma Blossom Village on 055 687 7379 / [info@theblossomnursery.com](mailto:info@theblossomnursery.com)

Ashleigh Blossom Nursery on: 04 348 6275 / [Registrar@theblossomnursery.com](mailto:Registrar@theblossomnursery.com) to complete your child's enrolment process and ensure their place is maintained.

