



Butterfly Meadows

Children's Centre

Newsletter

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Welcome to the latest newsletter from Butterfly Meadows Children's Centre.

We provide young children and their carers opportunities for fun and play, as well as support and advice. We cater for everyone who has responsibility for young children including parents, childminders and grandparents. Just pop along or contact the team for further details.

Our Latest News



Off to pastures new

We said goodbye to our Children's Centre Coordinator, Teresa Brooke in August. We wish her the best of luck in her new career! Interviews for the position will take place soon.

Cheryl on the BBC



We recently had BBC Oxford filming Cheryl at a Stay 'n' Play session. Cheryl combines being a Children's Centre Worker and an RAF Reservist and the County Council is keen to encourage more employees to become Reservists. She spoke with County Councillors and local businesses to inform them of what it was like juggling both careers.

Courses

Following feedback from parents we would like to provide a parenting course. If you would be interested in a short course that will help you with strategies and ideas, please speak to staff who will put your name down.



Parents Forum



Would you like to get involved in what happens at the Children's Centre? Then please join our Parent's Forum! We meet a few times a year and it is your chance to discuss any issues and have a say in what we do. If you could spare some time please speak to Cheryl.

Computer access

We are very pleased to say that the centre has registered as a UK Online access point. If you would like to complete any online courses or see what else is on offer, please speak to a member of staff who will be able to support you.



Changes to Pipsqueaks



This group on a Friday afternoon is now known as 'Bumps to Ones'. We would like to welcome antenatal parents to join this group, talk to parents of little ones and see what support is available once your baby has arrived. We can also offer baby massage, and soon baby signing.

Saturdays

Programme of events

October 4th – Harvest printing

November 1st – A visit from ZooLab – A chance to hold exotic animals in the palm of your hand including Snakes, Tree frogs, Giant land Snails, Cockroaches, Spiders, Rats and many more!

December 6th – Christmas crafts

Come along and have fun with your children, meet other dads & carers and enjoy a bacon roll!



Other news...



We can help save you money!

Over the past year we have helped parents save nearly £1,000. We have supported benefit claims, we have applied for grants and furniture, and one family had a holiday! If you would like to find out if you are getting everything you are entitled to then please speak to a member of staff who will be happy to help you.



Christmas Party!

Our Christmas party will be on **Wednesday 17th December, 10 - 11.30am.**
We will be advertising tickets shortly!

Summer Play Event

A great time was had by all at our Summer Play Event! The weather was lovely and the teddy bears & their families enjoyed a lovely picnic on the school playing field!

We also had a visit from 'The Creature Road Show' and our Children's Centre Worker Jennie Tyrrell overcame her fear of spiders to hold a tarantula!



Parking

Please note that there is no parking available on the school site.

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The Butterfly Meadows hub is situated next door to Bloxham Primary School. We are open Mondays to Thursdays 9.00am-5.00pm, and Fridays 9.00am-4.30pm. There is no on-site parking so we would encourage families to walk to the centre where possible, or park off-site and walk to the centre. We ask for a **£1 donation per family to help cover costs.** Full details of all our events and activities are available online or contact the team.

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