

# Butterfly Meadows

Children's Centre

## Newsletter

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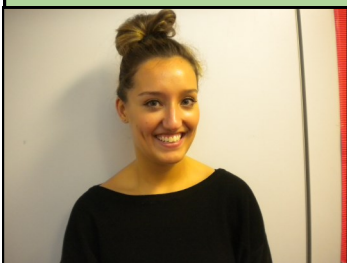
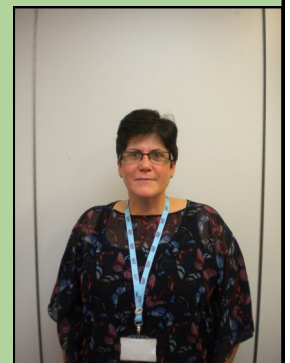
### Welcome to the latest newsletter from Butterfly Meadows Children's Centre.

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

### Message from new manager Cheryl & children's centre worker Amy

Cheryl: I am pleased to say that I have officially taken over as the new Centre Manager. I am really excited about continuing to work with parents, as well as our partners in the wider community. We have Feedback Books out in every session, we would really appreciate it if you could let us know what you like about the centre, as well as what you don't like. This is your centre and we want it to be as good as it can be. We welcome all of your comments, positive or otherwise. If you feel that you would benefit from some extra support please speak to a member of staff who will be able to help you. Myself and the team are committed to providing the best possible environment for you and your children.



Hello I'm Amy the new part time Children's Centre worker. I currently work as a nursery assistant also where I have been for the past four years. I have recently graduated from university with a BA hon's Childhood Studies degree, which covered a wide range from early years education right through to adolescence. I have also recently carried out an introduction to counselling skills course. I am really pleased to be part of the team here at Butterfly Meadows and I'm looking forward to putting all of my knowledge and skills to practice. I look forward to meeting you all.

### 'Save with Dave' Money Workshop

Come along to our 'Save with Dave' workshop on **Thursday 15<sup>th</sup> January, 10.30am-12.00pm** for some great tips and ideas for saving money, including budgeting, dealing with debt, saving money and Christmas cut-backs.

### Christmas Party!

Our Children's Centre Christmas party is on **Wednesday 17<sup>th</sup> December, 10am-12pm**. Tickets are £1 per family and we will be having party food and a visit from Bloxham Primary School choir. One of our carers has kindly made us a Christmas cake to raffle and we are selling tickets in the Centre. The raffle will be drawn at the Christmas party. Speaking of Christmas, remember to please take care when using candles and always consider safety.



### Calling all Dads!

Just a reminder that dads are welcome to all of our sessions not just Saturdads! We actively encourage the involvement of male carers where possible.

## Christmas / New Year Drop-ins & Baby Clinic



15<sup>th</sup> December - Caterpillars 10am-11.30am  
17<sup>th</sup> December - **Christmas party** 10am-12pm  
19<sup>th</sup> December - Bumps to Ones 1pm-2.30pm  
22<sup>nd</sup> December – Caterpillars 12pm -1.30pm  
24<sup>th</sup> December – No Stay 'n' Play or Baby Clinic  
26<sup>th</sup> December – No Bumps to Ones  
29<sup>th</sup> December – Caterpillars 9.30am-11.30am  
31<sup>st</sup> December – No Stay 'n' Play / Baby Clinic 10am-11.15am  
2<sup>nd</sup> January – Bumps to Ones 1pm-2.30pm  
3<sup>rd</sup> January – Saturdads 10am-11.30am



## Other news...

We are **currently updating all registrations forms** that are over a year old so will be speaking to families to check we have all their correct details and information.



We had a very successful visit from **Zoolab** to our Saturdads group in November. The group was very well attended and we got some great pictures of the children holding snakes, rats, giant snails and lots of other exotic animals!

In December we have a florist coming in and will be making Christmas table decorations.

Look out for details on new **Parenting and Adult Learning courses** that we will be holding in the new year.

Please note there is **no parking available on the school site during term time.**

We now have an **items for sale board** in the Childrens Centre. Please let us know if you have any items that you no longer require and we will display them for you.

### Update from Rosalind

A set of eight parents and their babies recently completed a baby massage course in September. Everyone enjoyed the course and many of the babies slept through the Bumps to Ones group in the afternoon! Rosalind has recently done the training to teach Baby Signing and is looking forward to starting classes in the new year. Please contact the Centre if you are interested in any of these courses.



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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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