

# Shepherd Lodge Newsletter

April 2017



**Red Nose Day** - The children have had a fantastic day raising money for Comic Relief, we would like to thank all the parents for supporting a great cause, we raised £46.30.



**Sports Launch** - It has been announced that all children under the age of 5 should be physically active for three hours a day (Department for Education 2017). As part of this initiative Learning Curve Nursery are launching a new physical development programme. We have linked with AFC Fylde Community Foundation which is the charitable arm OF AFC Fylde Football Club. Children's kits are on sale for £40.00 if you would like to order a kit please see Katie in the office.



**Easter Bonnet Parade** Shepherd Lodge is holding an Easter Bonnet Parade - everyone is welcome to make a bonnet and parents are welcome to watch the parade. The parade will take place in the garden on Thursday 13th April at 2.30 pm. Here are some examples of Easter Bonnets; there are some helpful kits in Home Bargains and Asda.



**Speech and Language** - It is always important to remember that all children develop in each area at different rates so it is vital to remember not to compare your child to another and worry as your child may well excel in other areas. However if you are concerned about your child's speech here are a few little tips to help

- Never formally correct your child's attempts at vocalising. If your child says a word that is unclear never say 'no, it's this....' As this could discourage their efforts in the future. Always say 'yes, and then echo the word clearly. This will positively support the child's learning.
- Help build up the child's vocabulary and sentence building. What ever level your child may be up to, whether 1 word or 4 words, you can add a word when echoing back to them e.g. if a child says 'friend gone' echo back 'friend gone home', this will role model language.
- Do not talk for your child, allow them the opportunity to express their thoughts and let them practice using their voice. Talk to your child and give them time to respond, children can not process language as quick as adults so give them time and be patient.



If you are still concerned about your child's speech do not hesitate to speak to their key worker.

**Graduation photography** - Red Frog Photography will be taking the graduation photos on Wednesday 26<sup>th</sup> April - this will start at 9.30 am.



**Warning towards Sepsis** - The guidance from the National Institute for Health and Care Excellence (NICE) warns that severe symptom of sepsis - a blood condition that is triggered by an infection or injury can develop quickly, but with prompt treatment more people are likely to survive and avoid further complications like heart failure or limb amputation. Treatment includes antibiotics and IV fluids. According to the UKST, sepsis causes 44,000 deaths in England each year.

The signs of sepsis in children are:

- A mottled, bluish or pale look;
- lethargic or difficult to wake;
- Feels abnormally cold to touch ;
- Breathing very fast;
- A rash that does not fade when you press it;
- A fit or convulsion

An NHS awareness poster for sepsis. The top part has a red background with the NHS logo and the word 'SEPSIS' in large white letters. Below that, it says 'IS A RARE BUT SERIOUS COMPLICATION OF AN INFECTION' in yellow and white. The middle section has a white background with a red border, listing symptoms: 'If your child has any of these symptoms you should take immediate action: Looks mottled, bluish or pale; Is very lethargic or difficult to wake; Feels abnormally cold to touch; Is breathing very fast; Has a rash that does not fade when you press it; Has a fit or convulsion'. At the bottom, it says 'Acting quickly could save your child's life. If your child has any of these symptoms, don't be afraid to go to A&amp;E immediately or call 999.' and provides the website 'nhs.uk/sepsis' or 'sepsistrust.org' along with the UK Sepsis Trust logo.

**Collections** - We are currently collecting shells, small logs and fir cones.



### **Dates for your diary**

1 <sup>st</sup> May	Bank holiday.
29 <sup>th</sup> May	Bank holiday.
27 <sup>th</sup> July-	Parents evening.
28 <sup>th</sup> August	Bank holiday.
16 <sup>th</sup> November	Parents evening.
2 <sup>nd</sup> December	Shepherd Lodge and Clifton Lodge's Christmas fair.
22 <sup>nd</sup> December	Nursery closes at 18:00 for the Christmas period.
2 <sup>nd</sup> January	Nursery reopens at 08:00.