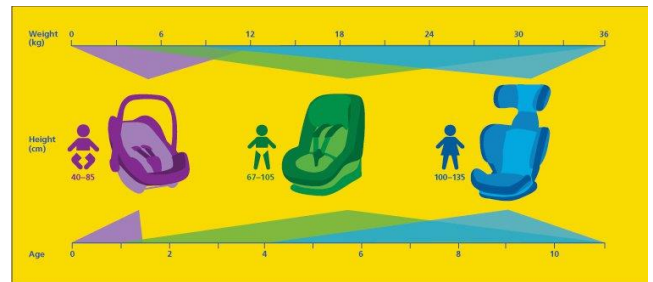


August 2016

Summer Fair - Thank you to everyone who came to our Summer Fair and graduation. We had a lovely day, it was lovely to see so many of you join us. Thank you to Beaverbrook's, Stringers, The Zoo and DNA Hair Design for our raffle prizes.



New Booster Seat Law - New rules being introduced later this year will see car booster seats without a back banned for younger children. Currently, children weighing as little as 15kg - around three-years old - are allowed to travel in cars while sitting on a backless booster seat. Rules state they must stay in them until they are 12-years-old but experts have claimed the seat is unsuitable for younger children and new guidelines are being introduced and many child car seat experts agree that this type of booster seat is unsuitable for such young children. A small child isn't held as securely in the seat, the adult seat belt isn't guided across their little body in the best way, and, most importantly, a booster seat offers no protection for a child if your car's involved in a side impact crash. A decent high-backed booster seat provides better protection in a front crash, as they're designed to guide the adult seat-belt across the child's body properly. The new additions to the child car seats regulations should come into effect in December 2016, but will only apply to any new products appearing on the market.



Shepherd Lodge Olympics 2016 - The children will be taking part in various activities throughout August, this gives us the opportunity to promote exciting opportunities about different sports and also the opportunity promote team work and inclusion. The children will learn about different countries and cultures and how other children live and what they learn.



Practitioner of the year - Congratulations to Stacey Trafford who has received the Amanda Muir Award for being Shepherd Lodge Nursery Practitioner of the Year. Stacey works extremely hard and is such a positive and happy member of staff. Nothing is ever too much trouble and Stacey implements new practice and ideas into the nursery. Stacey is loved by staff, parents and especially children. Thank you Stacey for all your hard work we really appreciate it.



Graduating staff - Congratulations to Dawn Kuzan, Abbie Sutherland and Julie Page who have all graduated this Summer. Dawn has graduated with a First Class Ba (Hons) Degree in Early Childhood Studies. Abbie has graduated from a Ba (Hons) degree in Education Studies with Early Years. Julie has graduated from a Foundation Degree in Professional Practice in Early Years and will now take on her last year to gain full Ba (Hons) Degree in Early Childhood Studies, thank you for all your hard work.



September Staff changes - We are sad to see Emma Falkingham and Robyn Whiteside leave Shepherd Lodge at the end of August. Emma is moving to Butterfly Lodge as she has changed her working hours to mornings and Robyn is moving to Thames Nursery to work a term time contract. We wish both girls lots of luck in their new roles. Shepherd Lodge would like to welcome Aimee Guest from Clifton Lodge who will be working on a Monday and Tuesday in Pre School. Aimee has worked for the company for 2 years. We would also like to welcome Becky Forster to the team; Becky is starting Shepherd Lodge from another local setting. We are sure they will soon settle in.



Collections -

We are currently collecting different materials (satin or rough), old locks, plastic milk bottle tops, buttons and bells.



New Menu - We have introduced a new menu at Shepherd Lodge, we have changed some of the dishes for different flavours such as a children's chicken curry with rice. Please see the new menu on the parent's board in the hallway.

Dates for your diary

Aug 29th - Bank Holiday Monday - The nursery is closed

Sept 23rd - Jeans for Genes Day