

# Shepherd Lodge Newsletter

August 2017



**Summer Fair - Festival theme-** 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, Tiggis, Therapy House for our raffle prizes.



**Nursery Nurse of the year** - Congratulations to Dawn Kuzan who received Shepherd Lodge Practitioner of the Year award and received the Amanda Muir Trophy. Dawn works extremely hard and is organised, pro active and is always ready to support other members of staff. Dawn is the nursery Special Educational Needs Co-ordinator and with this Dawn is always expanding her knowledge and understanding of the subject, researching current practices and legislation. Dawn recently lead a staff meeting supporting staff in gaining more knowledge in Special Educational Needs. Thank you for all your hard work it really is appreciated.



**Graduating staff** - Congratulations to Julie Page and Kathryn Cunningham who have all graduated this Summer. Julie has graduated with a Ba (Hons) Degree in Early Childhood Studies. Kathryn 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.



**Phone Policy** - Due to Ofsted and Safeguarding regulations please can you refrain from using all mobile phones on the nursery premises? Staff and Parents are only permitted to use their personal mobile phones in designated areas. We also ask that photos are not taken of children whilst on the nursery premises without consent. Thank you for your cooperation in this matter.



**Transitions** - At Shepherd Lodge nursery we believe that the transitions children make from room to room and from nursery to school is a very important process as part of the Early Years Foundation Stage. We aim to make these transitions for children, parents and carers as easy as possible. There will be a lot of children transitioning to a new room in August ready for September. Please feel free to go and take a look at the next room your child will be in.

**Collections** - We are currently collecting den making material.



### Dates for your diary

28 <sup>th</sup> August	Bank holiday.
29 <sup>th</sup> August	Ride the lights
22 <sup>nd</sup> September	Jeans for Genes Day
28 <sup>th</sup> September	Open 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.

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