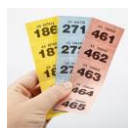


Shepherd Lodge Newsletter



January 2016

I would like to welcome everyone back to nursery after the Christmas break. We hope you all had a lovely rest and are ready for an exciting 2016.



Christmas Fair - Thank you to everyone who attended the Christmas Fair. It was lovely to see so many families join us. We would like to thank the sponsors for their contributions to our raffle. Each of the following companies provided fantastic corporate gifts for the event which were greatly received. The companies include: Pizza Express, Boots, Blackpool Football Club, Blackpool Zoo, Blackpool Pleasure Beach, Beaverbrook's, DNA Hair Salon and Casadon Toys. We look forward to inviting parents and children to forthcoming events in the future!

Applying for a primary school - The deadline to apply for your child's primary school place for September 2015 is Friday 15th January 2015. Please follow this link to give you more details <http://www.lancashire.gov.uk/children-education-families/schools/apply-for-a-school-place/apply-for-a-primary-school-place.aspx>



Chatterbox Challenge Week - As part of the Chatterbox Challenge week 8th February - 14th we are asking if parents would like to make a Chatterbox with their child. The box could be a shoe box that has items in from home that the children will talk about with others. These boxes might contain a favourite book or photographs of loved ones. This activity will encourage and support communication and language.

Chinese New Year - This year is the year of the Monkey and Chinese New Year falls on the 8th February. The children in the pre-school unit will be learning about Chinese New Year and will be taking part in many activities on this topic. Activities will encourage your child to use all of their senses; there will be creative, messy activities and food tasting to name but a few of them.



Free sugar app to check products - Parents are being urged to sign up for a free app which tells them the sugar content of food and drink. The "sugar smart app" from Public Health England works by scanning barcodes and revealing total sugar in cubes or grams. Officials hope it will help combat tooth decay, obesity and type two diabetes and encourage families to choose healthier alternatives. PHE says young children are eating three times more than the sugar limit. Its new Change4Life advertising campaign, which includes the sugar app, suggests that on average children aged four to ten years old are consuming 22kg of added sugar a year.



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.

Labelling - Please can all parents ensure that all your child's belongings are labelled, this is to include cups, bottles, dummies, comfort toys, shoes and clothes. A good website to have a look at is www.easy2name.com they sell waterproof stick on labels and iron on tapes that stay on. Please mention

nursery when you order as they give a small amount for fundraising. We thank you for your cooperation in this matter.

Collections - We are currently collecting buttons, gift boxes, Christmas wrapping and ribbon.

Dates for your diary -

To be confirmed RNLI SOS Day

February 8th Chinese New Year - Year of the sheep

February 8th - 14th Chatterbox Challenge week

February 9th Shrove Tuesday

February 14th Valentines Day

March 3rd World Book Day

March 6th Mothers Day