

Shepherd Lodge Newsletter



June 2016

Club Day - Our theme for Club Day this year is 'The Circus'. We will be taking part in Lytham Club Day this year along with Clifton Lodge Nursery on Saturday 25th June 2016. In preparation for this event we will be exploring 'The Circus' theme through thematic planning throughout the nursery. Examples of activities will include: balancing, circus skills such as spinning plates and circus parades. Can you let Katie know in the office if you would like to join us on the day.



This costume is £4.99 on Ebay

http://www.ebay.co.uk/itm/Clown-Kids-Fancy-Dress-Up-Circus-Carnival-Boys-Girls-Child-Costume-Outfit-Hat-/400843357478?var=&hash=item5d54203d26:m:mqWgCFIS1yDZ-8f_CG9rWlIQ

Summer Fair - We will be holding this years Summer Fair Saturday 9th July 2016 12.00 pm - 2.00 pm at **Clifton Lodge**. Join us for an afternoon of fun and laughter. There will be a barbeque, face painting and much more. Not forgetting the graduation ceremony for the Pre-School leavers at 12.30 pm. We will be holding the tombola and raffle too and have started collecting prizes. If you have anything you would like to donate please bring it in over the next few weeks and give it to your room co-ordinators or Katie in the office.



Parents as partners - At Shepherd Lodge we value parents / guardians and feel that you are the primary carers. Our aim is to support the vital and valuable work that you do. We believe that children benefit most from nursery care and education when parents and practitioners work together in partnership. We would like to invite parents/carers into the nursery to share your skills/talents and knowledge to share with the children, for example your job or gardening skills.



Importance of learning outdoors?



The outdoors is the very best place for preschoolers to practice and master emerging physical skills. It is in the outdoors that children can fully and freely experience motor skills like running, leaping, and jumping. It is also the most appropriate area for the practice of ball-handling skills, like throwing, catching, and striking. And children can perform other such manipulative skills as pushing a swing, pulling a wagon, and lifting and carrying movable objects. Please read

the following link <http://www.galwaychildcare.com/uploadedfiles/Outdoor Play Matters.pdf>

Wind chime competition - Now that Summer is upon us we are inviting parents to create their own wind chime to hang in the sand hut in the garden. We encourage you to be as creative as possible and use as many resources as you can. All entries will receive a prize and certificate. Please can all entries for the competition be in no later than Monday 4th July.



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.



Collections - We are currently collecting shells



For indoors we are collecting items for the home corner such as hats.



Dates for your diary

June 6th Ramadan

June 19th Father's Day

June 23rd Parents Evening 18:00 - 20:00

June 25th Lytham Club Day - if you would like to come on the float please see Katie in the office

July 5th Eid-ul-Fitr