

# Shepherd Lodge Newsletter

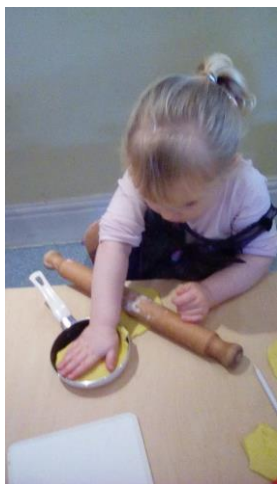
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**World Book Day** - During our World Book Day the children used props and costumes to recreate stories and make believe experiences. While the babies used their sensory perception of the world to explore props from traditional stories, the Pre School used the same aids to explore new roles and characters. Through World Book Day children, practitioners and parents are provided a valuable learning opportunity to engage in activities that not only value the stories we deliver in our daily lives but the morals, people and places books allow us to visit.



**Pancake Day fun** - All the children explored lots of different Pancake Day activities such as pancake making stations, play dough pancakes, races and pancake flipping. During afternoon snack the children tucked in to delicious pancakes with different toppings of their choice.



**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.



**What is the Early Years Foundation Stage (EYFS)?** The EYFS Framework exists to support all professionals working in the EYFS to help your child, and was developed with a number of early years experts and parents. In 2012 the framework was revised to make it clearer and easier to use, with more focus on the things that matter most. This new framework also has a greater emphasis on your role in helping your child develop. The framework has been revised again with changes to the statutory guidance coming in to effect in September 2014. Here is a guide for parents with more information [http://www.foundationyears.org.uk/files/2014/08/EYFS\\_Parents\\_Guide-amended.pdf](http://www.foundationyears.org.uk/files/2014/08/EYFS_Parents_Guide-amended.pdf)

## The early years foundation stage



**Bubble Run Obstacle Course** - In support of Brian House Bubble Rush event on Saturday 1<sup>st</sup> April 2017 we will be creating our own fundraising event for Brian House on Monday 3<sup>rd</sup> April 2017. The children will be able to take part in an obstacle course which will support their physical development. We will also teach the children about the work that Brian House undertakes.



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



### Dates for your diary

23 <sup>rd</sup> March	Parents evening.
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.