

Shepherd Lodge Newsletter

May 2017



Staff Sports Kit Sponsor - Shepherd Lodge Nursery and Clifton Lodge Nursery are holding a raffle for the exciting opportunity to become the new sponsor of the staff PE kits. The kits will be worn by staff whilst out and about in the local community with the children on a daily basis and during promotional sports events. The ticket sales will be £5 a strip, with the winner having their business logo printed onto the kits. This would be a great opportunity to advertise your business through a respected company.

We aim to raise £800 to purchase 10 PE Kits for staff. So we are looking at selling 160 tickets at £5.00 each. We will draw out two winners. One will appear on all Butterfly Lodge kits and the other on all Bluebell Lodge kits.



Superhero Fun Run - Shepherd Lodge Nursery will be taking part in the cash for kids Rock FM Superhero Fun Run on Thursday 11th May 2017. If your child does not attend on this day and you would like them to be involved they are welcome to join us at Hope Street Park 2.30pm - 3pm. Please see your child's key worker for more information and a sponsor form.



Childcare Choices - The website Childcare Choices sets out all current and upcoming Government childcare offers and support available to parents, including the Tax-Free Childcare scheme and 30 hours, the 15 free hours, tax credits, Universal Credit and childcare vouchers. It has been launched by the Department for Education and the Treasury. Included on the website is a Childcare Calculator for parents to compare all offers and support available to them and check what works best for their family. Parents will be able to use Childcare Choices to register for alerts for the Tax-Free Childcare scheme, which the DfE and Treasury have now confirmed will start from 28 April for parents of the youngest children. They can also sign up for information about the 30 hours of free childcare for three- and four-year-olds, coming in from September, as well as sign up to e-mail alerts that will notify them when they can apply and provide details of existing Government childcare offers. For more information please visit:

<https://www.childcarechoices.gov.uk/>



September Places - Places for September are now limited if you want to increase your child's sessions and you are in receipt of the following from September please see Anne to avoid disappointment.

3 Year Old Funding - (15 Hours Funded). Due to the nursery being open throughout the year it equates to 11 hours per week. If your child is entitled to the 3 year old grant in September you may want to increase your child's sessions.

30 Hours Free Childcare - From September Bluebell Lodge is intending on delivering the funded 30 hours (15 hours extension for qualifying parents). Due to the nursery being open throughout the year this equates to 22 hours per week. If you have applied you will be issued with an 11 digit code which you will need to supply this to the nursery. You can apply from July - if you would like to sign up for an email informing you of when you can sign up please click on <https://www.tax.service.gov.uk/childcare-schemes-interest/welcome>

Collections - We are currently collecting cork stopper, different types of materials.



Dates for your diary

1 st May	Bank holiday.
11 th May	Cash for Kids Superhero Fun Run
29 th May	Bank holiday.
27 th July-	Parents evening.
28 th August	Bank holiday.
16 th November	Parents evening.
2 nd December	Shepherd Lodge and Clifton Lodge's Christmas fair.
22 nd December	Nursery closes at 18:00 for the Christmas period.
2 nd January	Nursery reopens at 08:00.