

Shepherd Lodge Newsletter

November 2016



Halloween Activities - Shepherd Lodge children have enjoyed taking part in lots of Halloween activities. We had a visit from the zoo man on 28th October; he brought lots of spooky animals for us to see. There were snakes, a bearded dragon, and owl, gecko and a tarantula. The children and staff were very brave and excited to touch and discuss the different animals. The children also enjoyed carving pumpkins and eating roasted pumpkin seeds and the pre school children took part in casting spooky spells.



Parents Evening - This term Parents' Evening for Babies and Lower Pre School will be held on Thursday 17th November, and 24th November for Toddlers and Pre School. The evening will run from 6.00pm - 8.00pm. We hope you can come along to go through your child's learning journey and talk with your child's key worker. Appointments will start at 6pm and last for about 10 minutes. Please see your child's key person.



Christmas Nativity - The Pre-School children are very excited to be taking part in this year's Christmas Nativity which will take place at St Anne's Parish church on the Thursday 15th December, at 2.30pm - 3.00pm. We would like to invite all parents and carers at Shepherd Lodge, especially those of the preschool who will be starring in this year's event.



Christmas Fair- We are looking forward to our Christmas fair and we hope you can join us. We are starting to collect raffle and tombola prizes if you can help? Bubble baths, wine, unwanted gift sets, toys, books. Please come along to our Christmas Fair Saturday 3rd December 12 - 2 pm.



Flu vaccination - All children aged two, three and four years can get the vaccine at their general practice. This is usually administered by the practice nurse. The vaccine is given as a nasal spray. This is quick and painless and no injection is involved. Not only does the flu vaccine help to protect the children themselves, but by reducing the spread of flu it will also help protect family members and others in the community.





Oral Hygiene - NHS figures show 40 % of children are not going to the dentist. Tooth decay remains the most common reason young children go to hospital. Did you know that children should use adult toothpaste as there is not enough fluoride in children's toothpastes? The staff at Shepherd

Lodge has been undertaking an Oral Hygiene Course and has produced a leaflet for more information. The leaflets are situated in the hallway. Please read the following article

<http://www.bbc.co.uk/news/health-37449696>

Photography and Art Gallery Day - Thank you to everyone who attended the photography and Art Gallery morning on Sat 22nd October. We had a lovely morning and it was lovely to be able to share with you the art work the children made on their visits to the Grundy Art Gallery.

We may have some future artists amongst us.



Burns to children - Figures from the international burns injury database show there were 392 child admissions to specialist units in the UK in 2015 for injuries that involved hair straighteners. Charity Electrical Safety First says the majority of incidents occur when toddlers touch, grab or tread on hot hair straightener plates. Please read the following news article

<http://www.bbc.co.uk/news/health-37689083>

Collections -

We are currently collecting items for our role play area such as tubes of wrapping paper or scraps of old wrapping paper (role play for Christmas - Elf workshop).



Dates for your diary

November 5 th	Bonfire Night
November 13 th	Remembrance Sunday
November 18 th	Children In Need
November 17 th	Parents Evening - Babies and Lower Pre School
November 24 th	Parents Evening - Toddlers and Pre School
December 3 rd	Christmas Fair - 12 - 2pm
December 15 th	Pre School Nativity - 2.30 pm
December 16 th	Christmas Jumper Day
December 23 rd	Nursery closes at 6.00 pm for Christmas
January 3 rd 2017	Nursery re-opens