

Shepherd Lodge Newsletter

October 2016



Wooden Spoon Scarecrow Competition - We are inviting parents and children to take part in our scarecrow competition. All children's scarecrows will be displayed down the path at the front and the back. All entries will receive a prize and certificate. Please can all entries for the competition be in no later than Monday 17th October.



Christmas cards - Your child will bring a proof home of a design they have made that can be printed onto Christmas Cards and Christmas tags. You are more than welcome to purchase these cards, there is 12 Christmas cards and 12 envelopes in a pack. The first pack costs £5.50 and anymore packs cost £4.50. If you would like to order Christmas tags they are £2.50 for 16 tags. The deadline for the proof and money to be in the office is **Monday 10th October** - we have extended this date. Please see your child's key worker about the proof if you have any questions.



Video from Ofsted about Learning and Play - Lee Owston, Ofsted's national lead for Early Years talks about teaching and play in the early years. <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=uL3asnZWtyM> At Shepherd Lodge we plan the environment to ensure children thrive from their interests and learn whilst also having fun.

Outdoor Play in Winter - Children of all ages enjoy and benefit from playing outdoors in all except the most extreme weather. Daily outdoor play is healthy and burns energy. It gives children an opportunity for a change of environment, a balance in play and routine, large muscle activities (gross-motor development). Even children who are mildly ill

but active should go outside if the weather is not severe.

Staff and children alike will feel refreshed when fresh air is part of the daily routine. Taking children outdoors daily, even in winter, can be a healthy part of their schedule, and is safe when clothing is appropriate. Now the weather is getting colder can you ensure that your child has a warm coat, hat, scarf and gloves.



Holiday Club - From the 24th October - 4th November 2016 Learning Curve Nursery Group we will be organising a holiday club at Clifton Lodge. The holiday club will involve a range of fun games, arts and crafts, sporting activities plus many more fun activities for children 4yrs - 8 yrs. To book please email: holidayclub@learningcurvenursery.co.uk or alternatively call Helen Booth on: 01253 781921.



Photography and Art Gallery Day - Abigail & Eye will be at Clifton Lodge Nursery on Saturday 22nd October from 9 am - 1 pm taking photographs. If you would like to book in please see Katie in the office. We will also be holding a pop up art event this date which will coincide with the children visiting the Grundy Art Gallery in Blackpool as part of their new exhibition 'neon'. The children in the Lower Pre School and Pre School will have the opportunity to attend small trips to take part in a tour and some art activities.



We are photographing at
'Clifton Lodge Nursery'
on

Saturday 22nd October 2016
9am-1pm

We are offering four sessions to book in to, please see with Amy or Katie to book in and find out further detail
The session times are as follows:

9-10am, 10-11am, 11am-12pm, 12-1pm



Jeans for Genes - Thank you to everyone who took part and donated money we raised £69.40 which is a fantastic amount to donate to Genetic Disorders UK.

Collections -

We are currently collecting items for our outdoor water area we need items such as drainpipes and old jugs.



Dates for your diary

October 31 st	Halloween
November 5 th	Bonfire Night
November 13 th	Remembrance Sunday
November 17 th	Parents Evening
December 3 rd	Christmas Fair
December 16 th	Christmas Jumper Day
To be confirmed	Pre School Nativity
December 23 rd	Nursery closes at 6.00 pm for Christmas
January 3 rd 2017	Nursery re-opens