

Shepherd Lodge Newsletter



September 2016

As we settle into our autumn term, we welcome all new parents and children and look forward to a happy and exciting term.

Shepherd Lodge Olympics 2016 - What a fantastic month we have had taking part in different activities related to the Olympics. We have been able to visit many places such as St Annes Tennis Club and Ashton Gardens.



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.



We are photographing at
"Clifton Lodge Nursery"

on
Saturday 22nd October 2016
9am-1pm

We are offering four sessions to book in to, please email
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



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.

Early Years Physical Activity - It has been announced that only one in 10 children aged 2-4 are active for 3 hours or more daily. The Department of Health has published an infographic promoting physical activity in under 5s:

<http://www.foundationyears.org.uk/files/2016/07/Children-under-5-infographic-FINAL.pdf> At Shepherd Lodge we pride ourselves on promoting a wide range of different physical activities to capture and excite children in being active and to develop this as they grow up into adulthood.





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.

To book please email: holidayclub@learningcurvenursery.co.uk or alternatively call Helen Booth on: 01253 781921.

Pre School Harvest Festival- This year our Pre School's Harvest festival will take place on Thursday 6th October at 2.30pm at St Anne's Parish church, everybody is invited to join us. Throughout September the Pre School children will be learning about what happens at Harvest time and about how fruit and vegetables are grown through stories, songs and activities. Our Harvest collection will start beginning of September. We will be collecting foods such as tinned food, packets and sauces. Unfortunately we cannot take fresh foods to the church. Any donations will be appreciated.



Childcare and Early Years Minister announced - Caroline Dinenage has been given the ministerial responsibility for childcare and early years. She was initially appointed as Parliamentary Under Secretary of State for Women and Equalities at the DfE in the new Theresa May government in July 2016. Her ministerial portfolio has now been expanded to include childcare and early years as well.



School Starters 2017 - If your child was born between 1 September 2012 and 31 August 2013, he/she should start school in September 2017. The online admissions for the primary school year starting September 2017 opened on the 1st September 2016. Applications can be submitted using the online service. Please ensure you click the submit button on your application before the closing date 15 January 2017. If your child lives in Lancashire you can apply on the following link <http://www.lancashire.gov.uk/children-education-families/schools/apply-for-a-school-place/apply-for-a-primary-school-place.aspx#When>



Charity launches school-readiness resources for families - Home-Start UK <http://www.home-start.org.uk/> has produced the resources as part of its Big Hopes Big Future project, backed by the Department for Education. The downloadable activity cards contain tips, ideas and activities to support families in establishing the daily routines needed for attending school and help children to start recognising numbers and letters. They cover the four categories of 'Reading and writing', 'Fun and games', 'Keeping clean' and 'Building routines' and also suggest additional books and resources that parents can use.



Staff Changes - We would like to welcome Beckie Forster to our team, Beckie will be working in the baby room on a Thursday and Friday. Becky has a Level 3 in Childcare and has 8 years experience working in a nursery setting. We look forward to Beckie settling into the nursery.



Collections -

We are currently collecting items for our outdoor maths area we need items such as fir cones, sticks, pebbles, shells. The collection baskets are in the hallway.



Dates for your diary

Sept 23rd – Jeans for Genes Day