

Easter Bonnet Parade

A reminder to all our parents within the Pre-school and Lower Pre-school that the Easter bonnet parade takes place on on Wednesday 12th April at 3pm. Entries to the Easter Bonnet competition are welcome from all the children in the lower Pre-school and the Pre-school all children in these rooms are welcome to take part in the parade. Each entry will receive a small prize and certificate.



Comic Relief 2017

We would like to say thank you to all of the families who donated to Comic Relief on Red Nose Day, we all had a lovely and the children took part in some great activities. The children all looked fantastic in their clown costumes.



Sainsbury's Mother's Day Competition

In March we teamed up with Sainsbury's in St Annes, and the Preschool, Lower Preschool, and Toddler children took part in a Mother's Day competition. The children's artwork was sent to Sainsbury's and used to decorate the store. A member of Sainsbury's staff then picked a winner, and the Mummy's received a lovely Mother's Day gift! Well done to our winners Jacob and Evie!



Preschool Graduation Photos

We hope you are pleased with your child's graduation photos. Proofs for the Tempest photos are available in the office, these may be taken home. The Tempest group photo will be arrive in approximately 3-4 weeks. The Red Frog solo and group photographs are available in the office to view, but cannot be taken home as the packs include the final photos. The Red Frog group photo will appear in the Blackpool Gazette sometime in July. Please ensure that all orders and payments are received back by Friday 7th April.

AFC Fylde Sport Launch



From April extra activities at Learning Curve nurseries will be provided by AFC Fylde. AFC Fylde offer a wide variety of classes, including football, yoga, and Popercise.

On Thursday 20th April, we will be hosting a Sports Launch Event. The event will be held at Park View, 2pm-4pm. The children will be taking part in a range of sporting activities. AFC Fylde will be joining us at the event, along with special guests including Bill, Sam, and Josh Beaumont.

Children who take part in extra activities will have the opportunity to purchase a Sports Kit. These will be available to purchase from April.

Chatterbox Challenge

Now in its **16th year**, I CAN's Chatterbox event aims to raise awareness of the importance of good speech, language and communication (SLC) skills for all children. Chatterbox 2017 will take place from Monday 8th May 2017 and run for the entire week, giving the children the opportunity to participate in five days of activities designed to get children chatting.



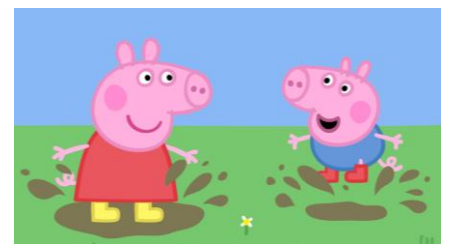
Five quality downloadable educational resources are available, which focus on the core areas of children's early language including:

- **Listening and attention**
- **Understanding what is said**
- **Learning and using new words**
- **Building sentences and talking socially**

We are asking parents to make a "chatterbox" at home, within this box we ask to place special items that your child can discuss with peers. This may include photos of family members or a special toy etc..

Peppa Pig's Muddy Puddle Walk

On Tuesday 9th May Clifton Lodge Nursery will be taking part in Save the Children's Peppa Pig's Muddy Puddle Walk. Children in the Preschool will be taking part in a Muddy Puddle Walk at Witch Wood. The children will take part in a variety of different activities, including a Muddy Puddle Hunt, Mud Pie Mixing, and baking Muddy Puddle Cupcakes. In April the Preschool children will each receive a sponsor form, and we are asking for them to collect sponsors for taking part in the walk. Please return all sponsor forms and sponsorship money by Friday 19th May.



Dates to Remember:

- April 6th Pre-school Open Evening 6.15pm-7pm
- April 12th Easter Bonnet Parade
- April 14th Good Friday (Nursery Closed)
- April 17th Easter Monday (Nursery Closed)
- May 1st Bank Holiday (Nursery closed)
- May 8th Chatterbox Challenge Week
- May 27th Ramadan Starts
- May 29th Bank Holiday (Nursery Closed)