

# Clifton Lodge Newsletter

February 2016



## Chatterbox Challenge

Clifton Lodge has registered to take part in the Chatterbox Challenge. The Chatterbox Challenge is the annual, educational fundraiser that sees 0-5 year olds develop their communication skills by learning songs and rhymes around a theme before singing them together in an inclusive sing-along.

This year's theme, Chatterbox Challenge 2016: Garden Adventures with Ben & Holly, is all about getting young children chattering about what they see, hear and feel indoors and outdoors.

We will be asking all parents to bring in a 'chatterbox' for their child. This is a filled shoe box containing special things or pictures that are important to your child which can be kept at nursery. Please speak to your child's key person for more information. Children are encouraged to get sponsored for their involvement, helping to raise vital funds for I CAN's work with children across the UK who are struggling to communicate. Join in the fun and register at [www.chatterboxchallenge.org.uk](http://www.chatterboxchallenge.org.uk)



## Mobile Phone Policy

Recently new signs have been put up at Clifton Lodge with regards to the use of mobile phones. At Clifton we strive to ensure that all children are safeguarded and constantly review our practices. With this in mind we kindly ask parents/carers to refrain from using their mobile phones, especially to take photographs on the nursery premises.

## Fundamental British Values in the Early Years

At Clifton Lodge the practitioners support the decisions that children make and provide activities that involve turn-taking, sharing and collaboration. Children should be given opportunities to develop enquiring minds in an atmosphere where questions are valued. Our lower Preschool have been focusing on diversity. They compared different eggs. No matter what you look like on the outside we are all the same on the inside".



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It can be quite a challenge to go out as a family, especially if you have young children, and quite costly too; so it is so important that when you make the effort, the venues and attractions that you go to are welcoming and offer activities, services and facilities that cater effectively for your needs, whatever they may be. Please use the following link to see whats on in your local area.

<http://www.foundationyears.org.uk/family-friendly-services/>

## Dates to remember:

February 8<sup>th</sup> Chinese New Year - Year of the monkey

February 8<sup>th</sup> - 14<sup>th</sup> Chatterbox Challenge Week

February 9<sup>th</sup> Shrove Tuesday

March 3<sup>rd</sup> World Book Day



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