

January 2016

Happy New Year

Welcome back and a Happy New Year. I hope you and your family had enjoyable Christmas and New Year celebrations.

Christmas fair Sponsors and Thanks

We would like to thank the sponsors for their contributions to our Christmas Fair. Each of the following companies provided fantastic corporate gifts for the event which were greatly received. The companies include: Pizza Express, Boots, Blackpool Football Club, Blackpool Zoo, Tesco Express, Blackpool Pleasure Beach, Beaverbrook's, DNA Hair Salon and Casdon Toys. We look forward to inviting parents and children to forthcoming events in the future!



Applying for a Primary School

The deadline to apply for your child's primary school place for September 2016 is Friday 15th January 2016. Please follow this link to give you more details:

<http://www.lancashire.gov.uk/children-education-families/schools/apply-for-a-school-place/apply-for-a-primary-school-place.aspx>

Labeling

After the Christmas season we are aware children may have received new items of clothing, such as hats and gloves for Christmas. Labelling in New Year is essential to avoid losing any new items, these include: cups, bottles, dummies, comfort toys, shoes and clothes. A good website to have a look at is <http://www.easy2name.com/> they sell waterproof stick on labels and iron on tapes that stay on. Please mention nursery when you order as they give a small amount for fundraising to charity when processing your order. We thank you for your cooperation in this matter.

Astronaut Adventures with Tim Peake

Last month, our Preschool and 2-3s children watched Tim Peake blast off in a rocket to the International Space Station. We watched the video playback with the children and discussed what training Tim has done to commence this journey into space! Over January we will continue to track his time spent in space.

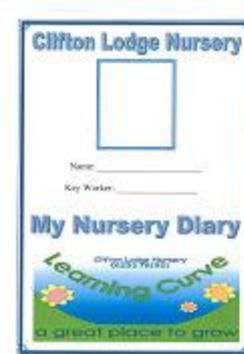


Bringing children's toys into nursery

We would ask parents and carers to support us in discouraging children from bringing their toys into nursery. We cannot accept responsibility for toys brought in and so would ask your support in leaving toys at home.

Home Diaries

To help develop the links between home and nursery your child brings home a weekly diary with a short insight of what your child has been doing at nursery. We would appreciate if you have time to add to your child's diary including any fun memories and adventures you have been disembarking over weekend and holiday periods. We also set targets each month for the children and this is a way to share the targets and the activities that take place at home and at nursery that will help to achieve the targets from the foundation stage. Please ask your child's key worker to share the targets set for your child.



Parents Urged To Get Free Sugar App To Check Products

Parents are being urged to sign up for a free app which tells them the sugar content of food and drink.

The "sugar smart app", from Public Health England, works by scanning barcodes and revealing total sugar in cubes or grams.

Officials hope it will help combat tooth decay, obesity and type two diabetes and encourage families to choose healthier alternatives.

PHE says young children are eating three times more than the sugar limit.

Its new Change4Life advertising campaign, which includes the sugar app, suggests that on average children aged four to ten years old are consuming 22kg of added sugar a year.

The app has been developed to raise awareness of how much sugar is contained in everyday food and drink



Dates for your diary

Friday 29th January RNLi SOS Day Sea Themed Fancy Dress.