

# Shepherd Lodge Newsletter

November 2017



**Halloween Activities** - Shepherd Lodge children have enjoyed taking part in lots of Halloween activities. We had a visit from the zoo man on 31<sup>st</sup> October; he brought lots of spooky animals for us to see. There were snakes, a bearded dragon, and owl, gecko and a tarantula. The children and staff were very brave and excited to touch and discuss the different animals. The children also enjoyed pumpkin rolling, pumpkin rolling and potion making.



**Wooden Spoon Scarecrow Competition** - Thank you to all the children and parents who entered the scarecrow competition. Congratulations to Koby who was the winner.



**Children in Need** The nursery is taking part in this year's Children in Need on 17th November and will be holding a spotty day. Everyone is invited to dress in spotty clothes. We will also be holding a cake sale.



**Christmas Nativity** - The Pre-School children are very excited to be taking part in this year's Christmas Nativity which will take place at St Anne's Parish church on the Thursday 7<sup>th</sup> December, at 2.30pm - 3.00pm. We would like to invite all parents and carers at Shepherd Lodge, especially those of the preschool who will be starring in this year's event.



**Christmas Fair-** We are looking forward to our Christmas fair and we hope you can join us. We are starting to collect raffle and tombola prizes if you can help? Bubble baths, wine, unwanted gift sets, toys, books. Please come along to our Christmas Fair Monday 18<sup>th</sup> December 6 - 8 pm.



**Nursery Gate** - Please can parents and carers ensure that they shut and lock the gates leading in to the nursery. This is to ensure safety at all times.

**Food Bank Donation** - Did you know that over 9000 children live in poverty in Blackpool, all wards of Blackpool have 9% of children living in poverty, rising to over half of all children in the worst affected areas (Claremont).

At Blackpool Food Bank they provide emergency food parcels through local front line agencies, such as Sure Start Children's Centres and the Citizens' Advice Bureau, to support families and individuals in Blackpool and the surrounding areas who find themselves in financial crisis and are unable to afford food. As a nursery we would like to help and give a collection. If you would like to contribute the deadline is 1<sup>st</sup> December. Some examples such as tinned goods, cereals, pasta sauces, tea bags.



**Nursery Menus** - At Shepherd Lodge we have been developing the menus with the nursery cook to provide a more varied, nutritious and balanced meals and snacks for the children. From mid November we will be introducing three weekly menus instead of the two weekly menus we have now. Whilst developing the menus we looked at the reducing the amount of sugar the children consumed during the day, with this in mind we have looked at introducing starters to one of the meal times during the day and will be trailing this. Nursery menus will be available upon request from the office.

**Collection** - We are currently collecting items for our role play area such as tubes of wrapping paper or scraps of old wrapping paper (role play for Christmas - Elf workshop).



### Dates for your diary

17<sup>th</sup> November - Children In Need - Spotacular

18<sup>th</sup> December - Nursery Fair - Scout Hut St Annes - 6pm - 8pm

22<sup>nd</sup> December Nursery closes at 18:00 for the Christmas period.

2<sup>nd</sup> January 2018

Nursery reopens at 08:00.

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