

# Shepherd Lodge Newsletter

October 2017



**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 16<sup>th</sup> October.



**Pre School Harvest Festival**- This year our Pre School's Harvest festival will take place on Thursday 5<sup>th</sup> 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.



**Five a side Charity Football Tournament** - Learning Curve Nursery Group would like to invite parents and associates to participate in a five-a-side fundraising football tournament with the staff. The event will take place on Sunday 8<sup>th</sup> October at BActive in Warton (Mill Ln, Warton, Preston PR4 1AQ – this is a change of venue). There is a £5 entry fee per player with a kick off time of 10am. If you require any further information please speak to Katie in the office.



**Christmas cards** - Your child will bring a proof home of a design they have made that can be printed onto Christmas Cards and Christmas tags. You are more than welcome to purchase these cards, there is 12 Christmas cards and 12 envelopes in a pack. The first pack costs £5.50 and anymore packs cost £4.50. If you would like to order Christmas tags they are £2.50 for 16 tags. The deadline for the proof and money to be in the office is Monday 9<sup>th</sup> October- we have extended this date. Please see your child's key worker about the proof if you have any questions. The deadline for the cards to be back at nursery is Friday 13<sup>th</sup> October - this is to ensure the cards arrive back in time for Christmas.

## CHRISTMAS CARDS



**Photography** - Abigail and Eye Photography will be coming to nursery on Monday 16<sup>th</sup> October 9.00 am - 12.00 am - they will be taking natural photographs of the children whilst they play. If your child does not attend this day you are more than welcome to bring them in to have their picture taken.



**Outdoor Play in Winter** - Children of all ages enjoy and benefit from playing outdoors in all except the most extreme weather. Daily outdoor play is healthy and burns energy. It gives children an opportunity for a change of environment, a balance in play and routine, large muscle activities (gross-motor development). Even children who are mildly ill but active should go outside if the weather is not severe. Staff and children alike will feel refreshed when fresh air is part of the daily routine. Taking children outdoors daily, even in winter, can be a healthy part of their schedule, and is safe when clothing is appropriate. Now the weather is getting colder can you ensure that your child has a warm coat, hat, scarf and gloves.



**Holiday Club** - From the 30<sup>th</sup> October - 3<sup>rd</sup> November 2017.

Learning Curve Nursery Group we will be organising a holiday club at AKS The Pavillion. The holiday club will involve a range of fun games, arts and crafts, sporting activities plus many more fun activities for children 4yrs - 10 yrs. To book please email:

holidayclub@learningcurvenursery.co.uk or alternatively call Helen Booth on: 01253 781921.



**Collections** - We are currently collecting outdoor objects to support mathematical development such as pebbles, small sticks, rope, tins, conkers, fir cones, ladels, measuring cups.



### Dates for your diary

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| 8 <sup>th</sup> October                      | 5 aside football tournament                       |
| 31 <sup>st</sup> October<br>17 <sup>th</sup> | Halloween party for the children in that day      |
| 22 <sup>nd</sup> December                    | Nursery closes at 18:00 for the Christmas period. |
| 2 <sup>nd</sup> January                      | Nursery reopens at 08:00.                         |

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