

Shepherd Lodge Newsletter

February 2018



Staff changes -

We would like to welcome Emily Clymer to Shepherd Lodge as the Pre School Teacher. Emily has worked for the company since 2011 and was a student at Shepherd Lodge from 2009 - 2011. Emily has gained her Ba (hons) Degree and EYT status. We look forward to Emily starting at Shepherd Lodge. We would like to wish Sarah luck at her new job.



Rebecca Cocker will be covering in the office at Shepherd Lodge from Monday 12th February to Friday 16th February this is due to Katie being on annual leave and Lynsey being at the Learning Curve Holiday Club. Rebecca has just finished her maternity leave prior to this she was the manager of our sister nursery Butterfly Lodge. Rebecca has her BA Honours in Early Childhood studies.

World Book Day - World Book Day is Thursday 1st March. Children and staff are invited to dress up as their favourite character and bring the book into nursery. A main aim of World Book Day in the UK is to encourage children to explore the pleasures of books and reading. Here are some examples of different costumes, which can be found at Home Bargains, Asda, Tesco and eBay.



Characteristics of Effective Learning -

Characteristics of effective learning is a tool to enable us, as practitioners to understand and establish how your child learns to help us plan for their future activities and experiences. The key areas of these characteristics are - Playing and exploring, active learning and creating and thinking critically.

Playing and exploring - The nursery environment needs to be stimulating which encourages children to play and explore within every area of provision

Active Learning - An environment which is led by the child's interests will enable them to become active learners. Being able to concentrate on tasks of interest and showing a can-do attitude contributes towards this area of learning.

Creative and thinking critically - Practitioners provide plenty of opportunities for children to develop problem solving skills, knowing when to intervene and scaffold their learning.

Child Details - It is important that you keep us informed of any changes to your child's details, i.e. address, etc. Please can all parents ensure that all your child's details are up to date. If you require any new forms please collect them from Katie in the office. If you haven't been able to attach photos to the 'People who are allowed to collect me form' you can email your photos to nursery our email address is shepherdlodge@learningcurvenursery.co.uk

Drop off and pick up times - When leaving the nursery please ensure you are not letting anyone into the setting without a member of staff present. This is due to safeguarding and management knowing who is in the building at all times.

Collection - We are currently collecting ribbon, purses, bags, empty perfume bottles and boxes, empty chocolate boxes, used cards and envelopes.



Dates for your diary

11 th February	Chinese New Year
22 nd March	Parents evening.
30 th March	Good Friday - Nursery closed
2 nd April	Easter Monday - Nursery closed
7 th May	Early May Bank Holiday - Nursery closed
28 th May	Spring May Bank holiday - Nursery closed
9 th August	Open Evening for children transitioning rooms in August/September 2018
27 th August	Bank holiday - Nursery closed
15 th November	Parents evening.
24 th December	Nursery closes at 18:00 for the Christmas period.
2 nd January	Nursery reopens at 08:00.

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