

Shepherd Lodge Newsletter



March 2018

Staff changes -

We would like to announce that Katie our nursery manager will be starting a new job within the Learning Curve Company from April 2018. Katie will be starting an exciting role as Nursery Training Manager. Katie has worked for the company for over 11 years and has managed Shepherd Lodge for 7 years and is really looking forward to a new challenge for 2018.



We would like to welcome Rebecca Cocker as the new manager at Shepherd Lodge from 19th April. Rebecca is currently on maternity leave from being the manager at Butterfly Lodge (one of our sister nurseries). Rebecca has worked for the company for 10 years and has a wealth of experience. Rebecca will be doing a number of return back to work days from now to April. Katie will also work alongside Rebecca to support Rebecca in settling into Shepherd Lodge. We are confident that Rebecca will carry on the excellent care and education at Shepherd Lodge and of course you will still see Katie in her new role.

Easter Fair - Come and join us at our Easter Fair 11.00 am - 2.00 pm at AKS The Pavillion. We have an Easter Bonnet Parade, stalls and an Easter Egg Trail (£5.00 booking required) Please ring Bunny Headquarters to book on 01253 407172.



Easter Dress up days

Tuesday 13th March - Spring Day - Children are invited to nursery in their spring colours - Donations greatly appreciated for our chocolate tombola.

Thursday 15th March - Wacky Hair Day!! - Children are invited into nursery wearing their Wackiest Hair Styles - Donations greatly appreciated for our prize tombola.

Wednesday 21st March - Pjs or Onesie Day - Children are invited to nursery wearing pjs or onesies - Donations greatly appreciated for either the chocolate or prize tombola.

British Values - The fundamental British values of democracy, rule of law, individual liberty, mutual respect and tolerance for those with different faiths and beliefs are already implicitly embedded in the 2014 Early Years Foundation Stage. However, the EYFS is likely to be amended to reference providers' responsibilities in the light of the Prevent Duty, which is part of the Counter Terrorism and Security Act. The Prevent Duty says that early years providers should have "due regard to the need to prevent people from being drawn into terrorism". The government sets out its definition of British Values in the 2011 Prevent Strategy, the values of:



Democracy: making decisions together

- see their role in the bigger picture, encouraging children to know their views count, value each other's views and values and talk about their feelings, for example when they do or do not need help. When appropriate demonstrate democracy in action, for example, children sharing views on what the theme of their role play area could be with a show of hands. • Staff can 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.

Rule of law: understanding rules matter

- ensure that children understand their own and others' behaviour and its consequences and learn to distinguish right from wrong.
- create the rules and the codes of behaviour, for example, to agree the rules about tidying up and ensure that all children understand rules apply to everyone.

Individual liberty: freedom for all

- Children should develop a positive sense of themselves. Provide opportunities for children to develop their self-knowledge, self-esteem and increase their confidence in their own abilities, for example through allowing children to take risks on an obstacle course, mixing colours, talking about their experiences and learning.
- encourage a range of experiences that allow children to explore the language of feelings and responsibility, reflect on their differences and understand we are free to have different opinions.

Mutual respect and tolerance: treat others as you want to be treated

- create an ethos of inclusivity and tolerance where views, faiths, cultures and races are valued and children are engaged with the wider community.
- Children should acquire a tolerance and appreciation of and respect for their own and other cultures; know about similarities and differences between themselves and others and among families, faiths, communities, cultures and traditions and share and discuss practices, celebrations and experiences.

Sweets/Food - Can we ask that no food comes into the nursery such as children eating or it being in their bags. We have a number of children with a severe allergy and we need to be able to keep track of what everyone has eaten. Please can you check your children's bags before coming into nursery.



Collection - We are currently collecting tubes, shells, pebbles, logs, bronze teapots and spoons.



Dates for your diary

22 nd March	Parents evening.
24 th March	Easter Fair at AKS The Pavillion
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
23 rd June	Lytham Club Day
14 th July	Summer Fair - Including Pre School Graduation
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.