



Bright Stars News

Thursday 1st February 2018



Dear Parents,

So I would like to start off by saying a huge warm welcome to Jace who will be starting in Starlings. The Staff and I are looking forward to seeing you grow and develop with our support on the way.

As you all know this time of year we get a lot of illnesses that go around. Therefore please could you make all staff aware if your child has been slightly under the weather or if they have been given any form of medicine in the mornings. We are cleaning the Nursery as much as we can to help prevent any germs or illnesses spreading to other children or even staff members.

Please help us to ensure that infection control is adhered to.

Many Thanks

Invoices and Payment

Your monthly invoice will be enclosed with this newsletter. Where possible we prefer payment to be made directly by bank transfer. Our bank details are as follows and **please always use your child's name as reference** :-
Sort Code: 40-20-23 **Account no:** 61627759 **Account name:** Bright Stars Nursery Ltd

Changes to Payment Methods

Please note that we will no longer be accepting credit card payments with effect from 14th January 2018. This has not been a service greatly used by parents and the escalating costs of providing this method has meant that we cannot continue to offer this payment method. We would encourage parents to utilise online and telephone banking to process payments at their convenience or to call head office on 01992 676631 in order to make a debit card payment over the phone from 9am – 5.30pm. If there are any issues or concerns as a result of this change please contact Linda at Head office.

Confirmation of Fees letter to Tax Office and other Government Departments.

Please be advised that all correspondence to the tax office or other Government departments is sent directly to them following requests from parents. To avoid any confusion we always include reference numbers on such correspondence. Please ensure, therefore, that you provide copies of any letters from the Tax Office which require a response from us to be attached to your requests to us. All such requests should be sent to Linda@brightstarsnursery.ltd.uk

[So what have your children been up to in January?](#)

[Star Fish and Bright Stars](#)

As you know this month's Topic has been animals. The children have been focusing on different types of animals each week basing it around their interests. We have been looking at the books 'Tiger who came to tea' and 'Monkey Puzzle'. The children have been reading, recalling and sequencing these book's showing a lot of interest, we have been discussing the different characters and then relation them back to the children's own experiences.

The children have been showing a great amount of interest within this topic bringing in new ideas each day about different activities they would like to do. They have participated in a number of adult led activities such as Bing, making our own insects with a variety of resources and materials such as caterpillars. This then lead us onto looking at the hungry caterpillar book, where we also looked at symmetry for our Maths development and butterflies.

Lots of interesting discussions came from this topic. During circle time children mentioned how they have been visiting farms and zoo's to look at the different animals and look at how they live. We then spoke about different habitats for each different animal and why they have different living environments. The children then started discussing about their own pets at home and how they care for them. We then turned our home corner into vets so we can act out experiences from our own homes.

The children participated in a number of other activities relating to this topic such as, making fish sensory bottles, sensory bags with gel, fishing bingo, ocean ice tuff tray making paper plate sea animals and making a large shipwreck with cardboard boxes.

Starlings

Our baby room have participated in a number of different creative activities to make our 'Splash of art' display board. We got very messy, but had lots of fun. By using a variety of different resources and media such as stamps for shape printing, shaving foam to create a different effect in paint, glitter and sand and tissue paper and clue the board looks brilliant, so please take a look at your children's fabulous art work.

We have a number of book worms in our baby room and 'Brown Bear, Brown Bear' book seems to be our main interest at the moment. Therefore we have taking this interest and created an interactive display board for the children. The children made each animal that is on the book, such as a Cat, Bear, Duck, Dog and a Frog; they were making the sounds of each animal and singing songs related to them. We used different resources such as feathers, tissue paper, paint and cotton wool, which encouraged the children to explore the textures and for the older ones they were even able to say whether it was hard or soft, which is brilliant. The children LOVED these activities and always point to the board saying/sounding out what they can see. Alongside this the children still participated in a number of sensory activities such as sealife tuff tray, mini beast pond, painting with spaghetti and shaving foam.

Happy Birthday to some of your Bright stars,

we hope you have a lovely day and get what you asked for.



FEBRUARY PLANNING!!



Chinese New Year

W/C 10th Feb

Chinese restaurant

Food tasting

Dressing up

Making dogs

People who help us

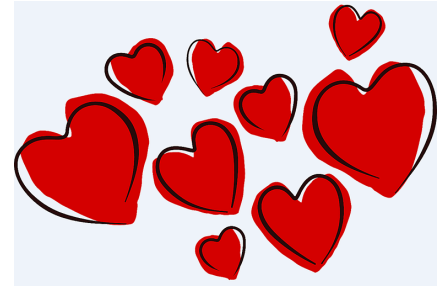
Road Safety

Fire Visit – 12th Feb

Finger printing

Medical Role Play

Discussing different occupations



Valentine's Day, Pancake Day

Valentines Cookies

Making our own Pancakes

Pancake race

Heart shape playdough



HAPPY NEW YEAR

Parents Evening

Wednesday 21st March – BABY ROOM ONLY

Wednesday 28th March – MAIN HALL ONLY

On both these occasions if there is a possibility you could walk to the Nursery or refrain from parking in the Nursery car park it would be greatly appreciated. Many Thanks

**PLEASE!!
NOTE**

Please may I remind you a fee will be charged if your child is not collected at the agreed finishing time. This fee will be £10 for every 15 minutes or part thereof. All children are now signed in electronically and any children in the building after their agreed finishing time of either 13:00 or 18:00, you will automatically be charged a late fee.

LATENESS!!

EXTRA-CURRICULAR ACTIVITIES RECOMMEND US!!



Please help us recommend our amazing nursery. As we all know the internet has taken over the world and lots of potential parents will view our site, day nurseries websites and more before wanting to view the nursery. All recommendations and views are valuable as I am sure you found when you were originally looking for a special place for your child. We have 'review us' recommendation cards in the entrance to the main hall for daynurseries.co.uk so please, please pick one up fill it out and simply pop it in the post box. A few minutes of your time are priceless when it comes to helping us build Bright Stars to its full potential.

from,
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Nursery Manager

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Deputy Nursery Manager