



Bright Stars News

Thursday 1st March 2018



Dear Parents,

So I would like to start off by saying a huge warm welcome to Aria and Fleur who will be starting in Starlings and Maya who will be starting in Starfish. 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 February?](#)

[Star Fish and Bright Stars](#)

Starfish and Bright stars main focus was 'People who help us'. The children participated in a number of fun, engaging and educational activities based around our theme. We always find that this topic is one of the children's favorites. They love dressing up, acting out different scenarios and pretending they are fire fighters or police man.

During our circle times we had many discussions around how different people help us, such as the Police, Fire fighters, Doctors/Hospitals and Dentists, also talking about what keeps all of these people fit and healthy to then help us.

The children helped change the home corner into different things such as a hospital where they are able to use their imaginations and providing them with opportunities to rehearse real life situations in a safe environment. Role-play is one of the most natural activities children of this age can participate in, and is an important way for them to learn about the world and develop many important life skills.

Along-side this the children participated in activities such as junk modeling, healthy eating, exercise workouts for our physical activity, looking at important numbers such as '999', body awareness and many more, which led on to lots of different activities that the children initiated.

We had a special visit from the fire station; the children listened very well to the talk by the fire men, got to use some of their equipment, went on the fire engine, dressed up as fire engines and even got to squirt water from their hose. The children absolutely loved this visit, and were very well behaved.

We also celebrated Chinese New year, turning our home corner into a Chinese restaurant, where the children pretended to be waiters and waitresses by writing down orders, enable the children to practice their pincer grip by writing, name, letters logos or even labels for the older children. They also had the opportunity to practice picking up noodles and rice with chop sticks which the children said was 'fun but hard'

As you are all aware we have our new build starting, so the children have been asking lots of questions such as, What is happening? What are they building? What do the diggers do? Why do they wear helmets? Which led us on to speaking about the safety of building, how we keep safe when using different tools and equipment and how a building may go up. The children showed great interest in this topic

Starlings

Some of our eldest Starlings have been settling in the Main all this month, and what great fun that have had. They even ask to go 'Big Room' now. So we will be saying goodbye to two members who start their new chapter in the big room. We wish you all the best and look forward to watching you grow and develop.

Our main focus has been around sensory play and exploring different ways we are able to make marks. We have explored flowers, and mini beasts in ice which the children loved playing with, using different

tools to get the flowers out of the ice, this then turned to water play which the children. Water play encourages many aspects to a child's development such as eye/hand coordination through pouring, squeezing, stirring, scrubbing, and squirting. Water play is one of the most relaxing activities children can experience. After all, many adults relax in a warm bubble bath or hot shower, so children are able to access this through many water activities.

The children have explored making different marks with a number of different tools and objects such as animals, balls, cars and trains. They have been dipping each item into paint, then stomping, rolling and splashing the paint onto the paper. Some children just even used their hands and fingers, exploring the texture of the paint on their hands.

As you know sensory play is a big part of children's learning, so our children have participated in a number of sensory activities such as gloop, coloured rice with glitter, cloud dough and playdough. Sensory activities like these facilitate exploration and naturally encourage children to use scientific processes while they play, create, investigate and explore.....

We had a little visit from the fire station, where a few of our older children got to sit in the fire engine and listen to the fire fighters talk to them, which was very exciting for them. We also celebrated Pancake Day and Valentines Day, the children made yummy pancakes and ate them for pudding and made delicious heart biscuits where the children decorated them with pink icing.



Happy Birthday to some of our members, we hope you have a lovely day and get what you asked for.

MARCH PLANNING!!



- Transport
- Junk modelling
- Different Forms of Transport
- Car Wash
- Science Experiments
- Public Transport
- How to keep safe on Public transport?
- Different kinds of public transport
- Road Safety
- Zebra Crossing
- Traffic Lights
- Lolly pop people

- Festivals
- World Book Day
- Holi 2nd March
- Mothers Day 11th March
- St Patricks Day 17th March
- Easter



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**

LATENESS!!

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.

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.

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