



# BRIGHT STARS NEWS

1<sup>st</sup> February 2018

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## Dear Parents

How amazing January has gone already! We had very busy month learning about winter weather, winter animals, winter clothes and winter Sports.

I would like to say a big welcome to our newest Starfish members and Bright Star members. The Staff and I are looking forward to seeing you grow and develop into a 'Bright Star of the future.

**Happy Birthday from all the staff and Children celebrating their Birthday this Month.**

### 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 14<sup>th</sup> 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](mailto:Linda@brightstarsnursery.ltd.uk)

Our 2-3's Musical Band singing one Ghana Traditional Song found by Sema – Che Che Kule Song

Our Babies have been making their own Musical Shakers

### Labelling children's clothes

We are back from our holidays and the weather is still cold, we understand that your children need extra layers to keep warm and it is very important that everyone labels their children's belongings in order to avoid any confusion. Thank you

## REMINDERS!

### Dressing Up Day – Thursday, 1<sup>st</sup> March 2018

To celebrate World Book Day Children can come in dressed up in their Favorite Book Character Book tokens for £1 will be distributed to all children the last week in February.

### Ghana Independence Day 6<sup>th</sup> March 2018

This February the children will be painting the Ghana Flag and have discussion about some food cooked in Ghana. Before discussing about the food some children will go on an outing to ASDA to buy the food they will be talking about.

Children can come in dressed in their Traditional/ Cultural clothes

### Parents evening 27<sup>th</sup> March 2018

As mentioned in our previous Newsletter our Parent consultation evening will be held on Tuesday 27 March between 6:00pm and 8:00pm and we look forward to seeing you all then. For those parents who are new to our setting this evening is an opportunity for you to meet with your child's key worker and discuss their progress. We will provide further details in the next newsletter at which time you will be able to book an appointment. We hold parent's evenings twice a year and you will also receive a written report on the night of your child/children's progress at Nursery. Refreshments are provided on this evening

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Weather is getting cold and we understand that children need extra layers to keep warm; please can I ask that you all label your child's clothing in order to avoid any confusion.

### Easter Closure

Please be aware that we will be closed on Good Friday (30<sup>th</sup> March) and Easter Monday (2<sup>nd</sup> April). We will return on Tuesday 3<sup>rd</sup> April from 8:00-17:45 our normal opening and closing times.

## Mobile phones

In order to safeguard all our nursery children, the use of mobile phones in the nursery is strictly forbidden. This applies to our staff, students, visitors, volunteers and parents. If you are on a phone call on your arrival or receive phone calls while in our setting we would appreciate if you could ensure that you leave the Nursery premises to answer the calls. Thank you.

### **Nursery Main Door**

Parents, please can you ensure that when leaving the nursery, you do not allow anyone in without a member of staff being aware off and also make sure the nursery doors are properly shut to ensure the safety of all children. Thank you

### **Parking safely**

Parents please do not park on the pavement directly outside the nursery gates. This is dangerous for pedestrians and children entering and leaving the nursery. There have been cases where the local authority has handed out fines for this.

### **Policies and Procedures**

If you would like to look at all our Policies and Procedures in more detail, these are contained in the Red folder on the desk in the reception area. If you need a copy of a particular policy or procedure, then please speak to Eileen.

### **Website**

Our website at [www.brightstarsnursery.ltd.uk](http://www.brightstarsnursery.ltd.uk) has some lovely pictures of our children and setting, the website also includes a "News" page which will be updated with our nursery's current activities and a "Recruitment" page where will contain details of current vacancies.

### **Email address**

If you would like to communicate with us via email the address is: [eileen@brightstarsnursery.ltd.uk](mailto:eileen@brightstarsnursery.ltd.uk).

Nursery SEND-CO Officers  
(Special Educational Needs & Disability Co-ordinators)

Osayande Allende

Tessa Stevens

If you require any further information regarding the SENCO role or are worried about any aspect of your child's development please feel free to talk to Osa/Tessa for a confidential chat.

Wishing you all a Happy and a Healthy February

Eileen White  
Nursery Manager  
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## Bright Stars Nursery

### Monthly Activity & Learning Programme

Month: February 2017

General Theme: Books and Music

Mini Topics:  
(Following the interests of the children)

- Musical Instrument
- Rhythm
- Science and Electricity
- Books

Festival/Special Events

- Pancake Day 13th
- Valentine's Day 14th
- Chinese New Year 16th



Detailed activity plans are displayed on the notice board but some examples of our activities programmed for this month are:

<p><b>Musical Instrument</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Using yoghurt pots to make drums</li> <li>• Making own shakers</li> <li>• Bright Stars Musical show X FACTOR</li> <li>• Using cardboard to make guitar</li> <li>• Musical chairs game</li> </ul>	<p><b>Book</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Visit the Library</li> <li>• Making own story books – Jack and the Beanstalk</li> <li>• Children bring in their favourite story books –Show and Tell</li> <li>• Drawing own favourite character from book</li> </ul>
<p><b>Science and Electricity</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Light table activity</li> <li>• Using gloves to make ice play with different colours</li> <li>• Hair Dryer – Role Play</li> <li>• Make a volcano using vinegar + Baking Powder</li> <li>• CD Player – Children playing music</li> <li>• Computer, paper, pen, ruler, paper clips – Office</li> </ul>	<p><b>Rhythm</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Playing different sounds of rhythm</li> <li>• Singing different Rhymes at circle time</li> <li>• Copying the pattern of making different sounds</li> <li>• Listen to different musical instrument making different sounds.</li> <li>• Guessing games</li> </ul>
<p><b>Chinese New Year – Year of the Dog</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Drawing a Dog</li> <li>• Talking about pets</li> <li>• Visit the Pet Shop</li> </ul> <p><b>Children Learning and Singing Valentine Song</b> I love you, You Love me We are happy Family With a great big hug And a kiss from me to you Won't you say you love me too</p>	<div data-bbox="571 1621 790 1800" data-label="Image"> </div> <p><b>February Nursery Rhymes/Song – I Am The Music Man</b> I am the music man, I come from far away and I can play, What can you play? I play the piano..... <b>PIA PIA PIANO, PIANO, PIANO,</b> <b>PIA PIA PIANO PIA PIANO,</b></p>

Osayande Allende  
Deputy Manager