



BRIGHT STARS NEWS

1st March 2018

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Dear Parents

February is gone and Easter is around the corner. We have had so much fun at Bright Stars Edmonton this month with so much to celebrate and so much to learn. We have had new children start with us here and we would like to say a special welcome to our newest Starling member and our Bright Stars member. The staff and I are very much looking forward to seeing you grow and develop into a 'Bright Star of the future'

We have had a our Bright Stars
creating their own volcanos this month
as well as making rice krispie cakes

We have had out Starfish making Pancakes
and eating them for snack
Also we have had World Book Day!
Which we dressed to impress for

REMINDERS!

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

Ghana Independence Day 6th March 2018

On Tuesday, 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

**We will be eating Jollofrice with Spicy Chicken
Drumstick served with fried Plantain**

Parents evening 27th 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

Labelling of children's clothes

The Weather is still 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 (30th March) and Easter Monday (2nd April). We will return on Tuesday 3rd 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 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.

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 March

Eileen White

Nursery Manager

eileen@brightstarsnursery.ltd.uk

Bright Stars Nursery

Monthly Activity & Learning Programme

Month: March

General Theme: Cultural and Love

Mini Topics: (and following the interests of the children)

- Cultural Clothes and Foods
- Mother's Love
- Where we live
- Favourite Stories/ Books

Festivals/Special events:

Story: Mad About Minibeasts

World Book Day-1st

Ghana Independence 6th

Mother's Day 11th

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

<p>Cultural</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Dressing up in Traditional/Cultural Clothes • Painting Ghana Flag and talking about the colours • Children bringing in Traditional/ Cultural Food from home • Cooking and Eating Jollof rice from Ghana • Discussing about Healthy Eating 	<p>Mothers and Love</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Making Cards for Mother's Day • Talking about sharing with our friends • Pasta friendship Bracelets for our Friend • Animals part of the Minibeasts • Talking and discussing Names of Mummies at home • Working together to clean our toys 														
<p>Where we live</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Looking at houses and Making own house • Talking about places where people/animals live • Discussion about people who lives with us, number of room, beds, TV's, etc in our house • Our Door number • Discussion on how we get home from nursery/ Map of our nursery 	<p>Favourite Stories/Books</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Talking about our Favourite Books • Making our own Books • Creating own Stories and puppets • Visit the Library to borrow Books • Making our own Story Bags of our Favourite Characters • Inviting our Mummies to come and read a Story to us 														
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