



# BRIGHT STARS NEWS



1<sup>st</sup> May 2018

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Dear Parents

What a lovely April we have had, we finally had some lovely summer days where we were able to spend most of the day outside carrying out large scale water play, in our sandpits and carrying out messy and creative activities along with the physical opportunities the garden offers. Each room was able to go on a trip during the month and we have enjoyed learning about the season of Spring.

## Important Dates

Thursday 3<sup>rd</sup> May 2018 – Zoo Lab Visit (Bright Stars)  
Monday 7<sup>th</sup> May 2018 – Bank Holiday (nursery is closed)  
Monday 28<sup>th</sup> May 2018 – Bank Holiday (nursery is closed)  
Wednesday 30<sup>th</sup> May 2018 – Nursery Photographer (9:15-11:15) WHOLE NURSERY  
Wednesday 6<sup>th</sup> June 2018 – SCHOOL LEAVERS PHOTOS & GROUP PHOTOS  
Friday 20<sup>th</sup> July 2018 – Proposed Day for Summer Outing  
Friday 27<sup>th</sup> July 2018 – Bright Stars Graduation  
Friday 3<sup>rd</sup> August 2018 – Nursery Closes for the Summer Break (2 weeks)  
Monday 20<sup>th</sup> August 2018 – Nursery re-opens  
Monday 27<sup>th</sup> August 2018 – Bank Holiday (nursery is closed)

## Important Health & Safety Information

### Front Door

Can we please remind all parents the front entrance is NOT an entry or exit point during drop off or collection times (7:30am – 9:00am and 5:00pm–6:00pm). This is for all children's safety! The main road and car park are a high risk area for children therefore we want to ensure we are entering and exiting through the back. Also we use the toilets with our younger children and although this is supervised parents using the front entrance could risk a child getting out or getting hit by the door. We are monitoring this carefully and any parents seen using this door will receive warning letters for endangering children at the setting.

### 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

We would encourage parents to utilise online and telephone banking to process payments at their convenience or to call head office on 001992 676631 in order to make a debit card payment over the phone from 9am–5.30pm.

### 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)

### Suncream and Sunhats

Can we please request ALL parents bring in labelled suncream and a sunhat. Your child should also have spare long sleeved cotton tops for babies or very fair children. You may also bring in sunglasses for older children.

### Zoo Lab Visit (pre-school children) Thursday 3<sup>rd</sup> May 3pm

We are very excited to announce we have booked Zoo Lab for the children in our pre-school group. The theme will relate to our background theme on spring and animals in the spring. They will also be bringing some exotic animals too. This event will be being photographed for our website and Facebook page, we will be adding photos of children who have signed permissions. If anybody would like to update their permission information please come to the office. Please also see the link below for further information on zoo lab.

<https://www.zoolabuk.com/WhatWeOffer/CoreEducationWorkshops/EarlyYears.aspx>

## Please Review Us

Thank you for all of your kind comments at parents evening. Can we please ask a favour, can you leave us a little review on [daynurseries.co.uk](http://daynurseries.co.uk) and [netmums](http://netmums) for all of our prospective parents to view – many thanks.



## From Planting to Plate – Project

We have started our planting projects both inside and outside, the children will be planting, watering and growing a selection of vegetables, fruits and herbs to be used in cooking and to be eaten by them in sandwiches and salads. We will also re-start our weekly allotment trips on Fridays for the children in the Bright Stars group in June. The children will be the gardeners for this project and will be learning about plants, how they grow, where foods come from, change and decay over time and life cycles through this project.

## Summer Outing 2018

We have held a number of successful outings over the last few years; 2013: Paradise Park, 2014: Old McDonalds Farm, 2015: Legoland, 2016: Willows Farm, 2017: Southend-Adventure Island/Sealife Centre.

We are considering returning to Legoland this year as this was a popular choice previously and has been requested by some of our Bright Stars children. Letters will go out during May when we have received back pricing information from the park and coach companies.

The proposed date is Friday 20<sup>th</sup> July which is the last day for a lot of the primary schools meaning Legoland should be relatively quiet so please do put this date in your diaries and your annual leave requests in at work as we need as many parents as possible to accompany us on this trip.

## Children Moving on to School

All of our children this year got their first choice for Primary School which is great!

We will provide an End of Year report for all children going on to school in September and also arrange for some transition activities to take place. If your child is transferring onto school could you therefore please inform your key person of the name and address of the school your child is going to as soon as possible. **Please remember you need to inform us of the exact date your child will be leaving giving us at least one month's notice in writing.**

## School Collection Service

We are again offering a school collection service for the children attending George Spicer part time in September. The service will be provided at your usual daily rate and we will take your child to the school and collect them providing them with a cooked lunch and tea and care for them at the nursery until we close at 6:00pm. If anybody is interested or would like to discuss this further please let me know as places for this will be limited and will be on a first come first served basis. *(This service runs for the settling-in weeks only)*

## Graduation 2018

For all of our lovely 'Class of 2018' graduates our graduation will be held on **Friday 27<sup>th</sup> July at 4:30pm.**

## Nursery Photographer – All children (Reminder)

We have booked the nursery photographer to attend the nursery on Wednesday 30<sup>th</sup> May at 9:30am, if your child doesn't normally attend on a Wednesday you are welcome to bring them in for the photos only.

## Graduation & Group Photos (SCHOOL LEAVERS ONLY)

The photographer will attend on Wednesday 6<sup>th</sup> June @ 9am to take photos of the children leaving this year in their graduation gown ahead of their ceremony in July. We would like to take a group photo of our 'leavers' if your child is leaving

this year and you do not attend on a Wednesday could you please bring them to the nursery for 11:00am for the group photo. If anybody does not want their child to participate in the group photo can we please have this in writing by Monday 4<sup>th</sup> June 2018.

### Starlings Room News

The children have really enjoyed outdoor play this month-making the most of the lovely weather! We have had lots of different sensory play and added to our sensory bottle collection making a button, shell and glitter bottles to explore! We have made and explored foam sand and cornflour gloop and mark-making with jumbo crayons. We also had a trip to Enfield Town where we purchased some new books for our room.

- Now the weather is getting warmer please ensure your child has suncream at nursery at all times, please also provide a sunhat and cotton tops. We also have spare suncream so please sign the consent form in the room. On hot days children will be unable to go outside without either their own suncream or consent for us to provide spare suncream.
- Please ensure your child has a toothbrush and paste at the nursery at all times.
- If you haven't already can we have family photos for our board please, you can upload these via your iconnect app, bring these in or email them to; [seatonlodge@brightstarsnursery.ltd.uk](mailto:seatonlodge@brightstarsnursery.ltd.uk)

### Starfish Room

This month Starfish have enjoyed all of the water play activities outside and focusing on 'Spring'. We went on a trip to Tesco to buy Daffodils and look at Daffodils growing in our flowerbeds.

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- Please ensure your child has (labelled) spare clothes in nursery at all times. Can we please ask all parents to check your child's box each time you come in to ensure your child has enough spare clothes here and that soiled clothes are taken home to wash.
- Please ensure your child has a toothbrush and paste at nursery.

### Bright Stars Room News

This month Bright Stars have been learning about the human body, we have been also focussing on teeth, brushing teeth and what causes teeth to decay. We have also been comparing our sizes and whether we are tall or short. Some children have also shown an interest in learning about the solar system so we will be focussing on this in the coming weeks.

- Please remember suncream and if you have not signed the permission form please speak to Dennisha or Gizem.
- Please bring back any spare clothes
- Please ensure your child has appropriate clothing for ALL weathers e.g. a light raincoat, sun hat etc
- If you require breakfast for your child please ensure you bring them in by 8:45am
- Please check your child has toothpaste
- **Jolly Phonics** For children in our Jolly Phonics groups (school leavers) please return your child's homework

### May Planning

"If your child is especially interested in something then please inform your key person and this can be added to the main planning"



#### Spring-Continued

- Planting/gardening/life-cycles
- Garden Project – Bright Stars – Developing the garden
- Observing weather changes
- Safety in the sun



#### Animals



- Jungle Animals
- Sea Animals
- Farm Animals
- Minibeasts

## Observations from Home

Please note you can upload your own pictures directly from your smartphone camera to contribute to your child's learning journey through parentzone. We would love to see more observations and photos from home and really work in partnership with you to tailor activities to your child's interests and support them to meet the next steps in their learning. Photos from home are also a great way for us to start conversations with your child and allow them to build up their confidence to speak freely about their home and community and family customs and traditions. If anybody would like help or support to download the parentzone app or how to upload photos or observations then please see us in the office.

Please send any photos, news from home or activity ideas to;  
[seatonlodge@brightstarsnursery.ltd.uk](mailto:seatonlodge@brightstarsnursery.ltd.uk) or see your child's key person.

*We would be really grateful if any parents and families have any cultural items/artifacts they could donate to the nursery as we are trying to build up a collection of real life items from around the world.*

*We would especially welcome; wooden carved animals, wooden masks, cultural dress/bangles and cultural music CD's and books (especially books in other languages e.g. children's books or recipe books).*

*Please remember us if you are going on holiday (especially abroad) and bring us back something interesting to add to our collection!!*

**Also if any children have got dressing up/superhero costumes they no longer wear we would really appreciate these to put in our dressing up resources.**

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### Nursery

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### Head Office Phone Number

Linda Branch (Finance)  
Helen Regan (Director of  
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01992 676 631



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### Nursery Safeguarding Team



The Nursery Safeguarding Team are; Nikki, Bonnie

If you have any concerns about the welfare of any child at the nursery please do not hesitate to contact any member of the Safeguarding Team in person or via telephone 020 8342 2138

### Nursery SEND-CO

(Special Educational Needs & Disability Co-ordinator)

Our nursery Senco is;



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 Nikki for a confidential chat.