



1st February 2018

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Love & Friendship

Dear Parents

Wow didn't January feel like a long month! We had lots going on with our lovely nursery children from exploring sensory items for our babies to science experiments for our older children! What a great start to 2018 for Bright Stars!

Welcome

We would like to say a big welcome to our lovely new children for Starlings and Bright Stars. A big welcome to our nursery and we look forward to seeing you grow and develop into 'Bright Stars of the future' being the best you can be!

Yee (chef) - Retirement

We are very sad to announce that after nearly 10 years here our lovely chef Yee has retired. Yee would like to say a big thank you to all the parents and children for making her so happy whilst she was here. We wish Yee a lovely retirement and she will be spending lots of time with her sister who is also retired and is hopefully planning a trip to her native Malaysia and Australia to visit her family. We will miss her lots!! For the interim we have 'Chef Bonnie' in the kitchen whilst we look for a suitable chef!

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 – 5.00pm. 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

Parents Consultation Evening – Wednesday, 28th March 2018 – Early Reminder

For those of you who have not attended a parents evening before you are allocated a 10-15 minute slot to meet with your key person to discuss your child's progress, you will also receive a written report. We also provide refreshments for those attending straight from work.

If you are unable to attend on the evening you can arrange a mutually convenient meeting with your Key person on a different day.

Extra Curricular Activities

If you are interested in 'Football and haven't yet brought your form in – please do so ASAP, as we need a certain number of children to run the class!

Starlings Room News

This month we have been enjoying exploring different materials using our senses. Then children have especially enjoyed exploring the shiny things! We have also explored coloured spaghetti and have been making our mark in cornflour drawing lines and circles (early writing skills)

We would like to say a big welcome to two new members who are settling in well to our room and Good Luck to another new member who will soon be moving up to Starfish room.

Starfish Room

This month Starfish have enjoyed looking at 'winter', we have looked at and discussed the weather, looked at cold weather in other countries and made our own penguins and igloos. We also took part in a water and ice activity with artic animals.

- 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.
- It is the time of year where a lot of sickness and illnesses are going around. Can we ask all parents to please stick to our policy regarding children's sickness. If your child is not well they need quiet time at home to recover enough to be able to join in with all nursery activities. If a child needs calpol before or during the nursery day then they are not well enough to be at nursery.

Bright Stars Room News

This month we have been focusing mainly on Science! The children have really enjoyed and been amazed by some of the activities and we have a number of budding little scientists. We have carried out a float and sink activity, made 'apple volcano's did a 'jelly bean rainbow experiment' and explored what happens when we mix oil and water.

We also had a 'BIG' surprise when we came back to nursery after the Christmas break, in the holidays a huge interactive whiteboard was fitted! The interactive whiteboard has so many uses and really compliments our teaching! For example; during circle times we are able to show children relevant information like when a child recently enquired how cheese is made we we're quickly able to locate a clip and watch a video on the subject. Also during our Jolly Phonics sessions children can practice marking the letters with their fingers on the screen and we also use it in teaching yoga and winding down at the end of each day as well as playing interactive games during carpet time.

Additionally during January we have been focusing on Managing feelings and behaviour and we have begun to re-introduce room rules and a traffic light chart which will start at the beginning of February and means we will be tracking each child's behaviour during the week. Children also have their own individual sticker reward books which will be credited with stickers to reinforce positive behaviour.

- Please ensure your child has enough spare clothes at all times at nursery
- Please remember we have a NO toys from home policy
- If you haven't already please bring in new toothbrushes and paste
- **Jolly Phonics** For children in our Jolly Phonics groups (school leavers) please return your child's homework

February Planning

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



- Chinese feast
- Making Lanterns
- Making Dragons
- Dragon Dance/Chinese Music
- Making Lanterns
- Red Envelopes

Valentines Day

- Bright Stars Children's Star Principles, talking about friendships and 'doing the right thing' (3-5's)
- Valentines Cards, biscuits, chocolates and presents (all)
- Children's story of St Valentine (Bright Stars)



- Making (and tasting) Pancakes.
- Tues 13th Feb – Tea Time

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 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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Bright Stars Nursery – Seaton Lodge

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.