



BRIGHT STARS NEWS



1st March 2018

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Happy Mother's Day to all of our amazing Mummies, you are doing a great job! We hope you have a great day!

Dear Parents

After the long month of January, didn't February just fly by? We had a busy, exciting month celebrating valentines day, pancake day and chinese new year. Recognising festivals is so much fun for children as well as supporting them to develop a mutual respect and tolerance for all cultures and religions.

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.

Siblings

On a similar note, please DO NOT let older siblings open any of our doors, we had an incident a couple of weeks ago where the older sibling of one of our nursery children opened the front door and exited into the car park leaving the front door wide open. Please ensure you keep older siblings with you when collecting your nursery child.

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

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. Please see your child's key person to book your slot.

Menu Change

We will be changing our Menus after Easter to the Spring/Summer Menus, as part of the change we would really like your input on recipes and foods your child/ren enjoys at home (we especially welcome dishes from your home culture), spare sheets are in the dining room. Please give your input so we can ensure the menus are meeting the needs of every individual child in the nursery.

As you may be aware, we follow the 'Voluntary Food and Drink Guidelines for Early Years Settings in England' which means we ensure that all the food on our menus is balanced and healthy.

For further information on ideas for cooking healthy and nutritious meals at home, or the guidelines we are following here at nursery please click the link below;

<http://www.childrensfoodtrust.org.uk/parents>

Starlings Room News

This month we have enjoyed; making our mark with paint and fly swatters, also paint stamps and car wheel printing. We also explored cornflour and water with pans and utensils for pancake day and decorating biscuits for valentines day.

Please ensure your child's clothes are labelled with their names, we have a white vest and a green top missing so if any parent has it by mistake can you please return it. Can we also request that parents bring back any nursery spare clothes their child has borrowed.

As the babies are now beginning to get teeth can you please bring in a suitable toothbrush and paste.

Starfish Room

This month Starfish enjoyed taking part in our Chinese New Year activities. We made chinese fans and dragons whilst exploring a range of real life chinese artifacts and objects. We also had the opportunity to try some chinese foods and prawn crackers. We explored chinese themed sensory trays with rice and noodles. We also had a little party and we danced to chinese music!

- It's cold outside but children still need fresh air and exercise! Please ensure your child has gloves, a scarf, warm clothes and a warm coat.
- 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.
- 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

February has been a month full of events which Bright Stars have been celebrating and learning about. We made cupcakes and cards for valentine's day, had a yummy Chinese meal and attempted to write in Chinese symbols. We also made our own Dragons and watched clips about Chinese new year on the interactive whiteboard. *Please come in the room and see our 'festive Feb' board.

From March we will be starting our 'get to know us' board. We would like parents to contribute key words from their child's home language, famous dishes and more. A more detailed notice will be placed onto iconnect.

- Please remember we have a NO toys from home policy
- Please check the shoe rack area and remove any of your child's old shoes or slippers
- Please dress your child appropriately for the weather e.g. wellies, gloves and a waterproof warm coat
- **Jolly Phonics** For children in our Jolly Phonics groups (school leavers) please return your child's homework

March Planning

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

 World Book Day <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Story Sacks• Our favourite books• Making books• Big Book Swap	 St Patricks Day <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Shamrocks• Rainbows• Pot Of Gold	 Spring <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Detecting Spring• Weather• Daffodils	 Holi <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Detecting Spring• Weather• Daffodils
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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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We would like to wish a big 'Happy Birthday' to some of our members, have a great day!

Please Review Us



Happy with our services? Please leave us a little review on daynurseries.co.uk and netmums for all of our prospective parents to view – many thanks.



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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.