



Pre-School News

Dear Parents & Carers,



Welcome back to the Summer Term how lovely that we were greeted with a mini heat wave. I hope everyone had an enjoyable Easter Break with its April showers. How shocking that we are at the end of another month already.

The term started with the addition of ten new children who are settling in nicely. The children began the week sharing experiences from their holiday, then they began looking at Spring, by joining in discussions and activities about the time changes and daylight hours, flowers blooming and the effects of hay fever on some people, they learnt the names of baby farm animals and spoke about lambing season. They made collages of lambs using cotton wool and baby ducklings using feathers and heard stories related to spring animals and gardening. The children got involved baking and enjoying the treats they made.

During the second week we concentrated on looking at pets, the children shared experiences about their own pets and discussed the different types of pets people have. They learnt the names of baby animals compared to their adult names; we even looked at unusual pets. Small groups of children visited our local Vet whereby they learnt about how to care for pets and how to keep them safe. They made collages using different textured materials and made masks to role play with. We had our very own role play 'pets shop' and 'Vet'. St Georges Day was celebrated by hearing stories about St George who slayed a dragon to save a maiden. They also made England flags to take home.

Your 1st Instalment is due for payment if you have not already done so.

Sort Code: 40-20-23

Account no: 61627759

Account name: Bright Stars Nursery Ltd

Debit card payment over the phone from 9am – 5.30pm. 01992 676631 Linda at Head office.

Children moving onto School

We provide an end of year report for all children going onto school in July 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 if it falls before the end of the school academic year

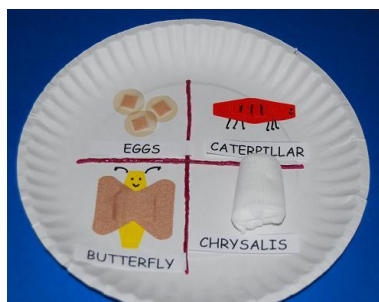


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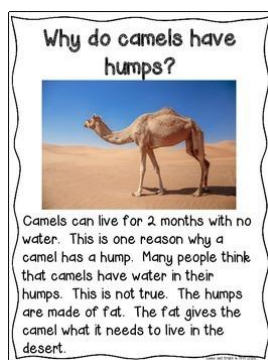
Please help us recommend our amazing Pre-School. As we all know the internet has taken over the world and lots of potential parents will view our site, day nurseries websites and more before wanting to view the nursery. All recommendations and views are valuable as I am sure you found when you were originally looking for a special place for your child. We have 'review us' recommendation cards in the entrance to the main hall for daynurseries.co.uk so please, please pick one up fill it out and simply pop it in the post box. A few minutes of your time is priceless when it comes to helping us build Bright Stars to its full potential.

Planning for May

- ✓ In our third week and into May we will be investigating mini beasts and pond life, looking at simple life cycles of plants, caterpillars and frogs.
- ✓ In the fourth we will look at farm animals and their babies, what we get from them and where they live.
- ✓ In the fifth week we will be comparing desert animals with wild animals, their habitats, size, colours and food they eat.
- ✓ In the sixth week we will concentrate on sea life and its environment then the land of dinosaurs compared to the present day environment.



Life Cycles



Desert Animals



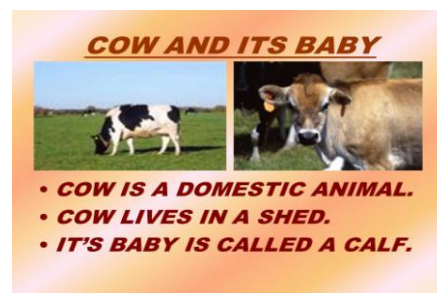
Wild Animals



Sea Life



Dinosaurs



Farm animals

Thursday 3rd May – Training Day **Closed**
Monday 7th May – **Closed** for May Day Bank Holiday
Monday 28th May – Friday 1st June – Half Term
Monday 2nd July – Leavers Graduation Photos
Monday 2nd July – Parents Evening 3.30pm–5.30pm
Friday 7th July Leavers Graduation Day
Friday 20th July – End Of Term

i.connect -ParentZone

Please do accept the invitation to set up your own user area for 'Parent Zone' on i.connect, here you will see all the observations and pictures following your child's development and progress. However please ensure your device has the software to support this.

Additional Sessions

If you need any additional sessions, you may book these, provided we have spaces, by calling the Pre-School on the day and places will be allocated on a first come first served basis. Daily fees are £37.50 for a full day, please note payment for these sessions will be added to your invoice and an Additional Session form must be signed.

Pre- School Speech and Language Advice - Do you have any concerns about your child's speech or their understanding?

There are local free drop in centres where you can take your child for an assessment or for advice on how to support your child's speech or communication needs. The qualified speech therapists team are able to confirm whether your child would benefit from support sessions. Leaflets can be found in the hall, please help yourself or ask me.

Reminders

- ✓ Please keep us up date with any change of circumstances that affect your child's life so we can best support their needs.
- ✓ **No nuts at pre-school**, this includes some cereal bars, pesto, nutella chocolate spread and also peanut butter. All these items contain nuts and cannot be given to the children for their lunch. **No sweets or chocolates**, they are not part of a healthy lunch so can we ask not to include any in your children's lunch.
- ✓ Please **label your children's belongings**, so many children have the same hats and coats, clothes or bags and it can be so difficult to work out which piece of clothing belongs to your child, a quick check of their name means they can be off to play rather than searching for ages or worse still it goes missing.
- ✓ Please remember to check on a regular basis that your children's change bags are stocked with nappies, nappy cream and wipes.
- ✓ If you drive to preschool then please **DO NOT PARK in front of the school gates** and be considerate of the residents who often become blocked in at this busy time and cannot gain access/exit as some parents are double parking.
- ✓ Finally as the weather improves please include ice packs in your children's lunch bags , and remember to provide sun cream and a sun hat.

From

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