



# BRIGHT STARS NEWS

1<sup>st</sup> July 2018

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Dear Parents

Wow what a busy and fun month June was.

We had so much going on for our little ones.

We marked the end of Ramadan with our Eid celebrations; we made samosas with Naz, made

plates and cards with Gizem and learnt all about the festival. We started our 'Computer Club' for some of the children in Bright Stars who are learning how to control a computer mouse and how to type! We looked at the topic 'people who help us' and had a special visit from the police and we even got to go in the police car! The children in the Bright Stars group got to pair up with the children in George Spicer School year 6, where we visited the school, got to go into the classrooms and take part in creative activities painting rocks then went over to the school at the end of the week for a 'rock hunt' We have had some football lessons from 'Sport skills' with a view to starting weekly lessons in September and some children from Bright Stars got chosen for a special trip to visit the Science Museum as part of the children's interest in 'planets'.



Making Samosas with Naz, Naz taught children how to fold the pastry and add the filling. Making Eid crafts with Gizem. Computer Club.

People who help us Rock painting at George Spicer. Road safety walking to George Spicer. Parachute games with year 6 at George Spicer School.

## Important Dates

Friday 20<sup>th</sup> July 2018 – Legoland Trip

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)

## GDPR Privacy Notices – REQUIRED URGENTLY

Every parent received a form regarding the GDPR (General, Data, Protection, Regulations) and it is imperative we have these returned as soon as possible! These are legal documents and we NEED your permission to store your data. Please sign the attached form (both parents) or come to the office for a paper copy to sign.

Thank you.

## Important Health & Safety Information

### Annual Updating of Children's Care Plans

If your child has an Allergy or Health Condition we should already have a care plan in place, we know that from time to time things change therefore for best practice we ask you to let us know changes in writing and update all care plans at least annually. Even if nothing has changed from your original care plan can you please fill in an updated sheet as soon as possible and either email it to [nikki@brightstarsnursery.ltd.uk](mailto:nikki@brightstarsnursery.ltd.uk) or print it and fill it out and give it in to the office. Thank you.

## Measles

Please find attached a letter from Enfield Council regarding cases of Measles that have recently been confirmed in North East and North Central London including Enfield.

A factsheet is also attached with details of symptoms and the MMR vaccination.

## Dry Drowning/Secondary Drowning

Now the summer is here and children are loving water play we just wanted to bring your attention to 'thankfully rare' but potentially fatal conditions, dry and secondary drowning. Dry drowning is very different to drowning itself, where water gets into the airway and down into the lungs. In dry drowning, a small amount of water is taken in through the nose/and or mouth, and it causes a **spasm in the airway**, which can lead to **difficulty breathing and even suffocation**.

Secondary drowning is different. Like more conventional, primary drowning, water gets into the lungs. A small amount of water is inhaled, which irritates the lungs and causes inflammation and swelling over time. The lungs can't exchange oxygen to and from the blood, and the blood oxygen level drops.

*(Symptoms can occur within an hour to 24 hours. And can include; faster breathing, coughing, pains, extreme fatigue, throwing up and changes in behaviour. All of these indicate that the brain and body is not getting enough oxygen.)*

We have risk assessments in place that include dry and secondary drowning and if there is an occasion where your child inhales or swallows water this will be recorded on a general concerns form, the child will be monitored for the rest of the day and you will be informed on collection.



## Name Tags

For those children going to school or any parents who want to purchase labels for their children's things, please copy and paste this link to my nametags as the nursery will receive commission on Sales.

<http://www.mynametags.com/affiliate?id=88873>

Alternatively please use this code when making your purchase; 88873

### 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)



## From Planting to Plate - Project

Our salad has now grown and has been picked and tried by the children. We also have some lovely courgettes which are getting bigger by the day.

Thank you to Ania; Noah and Papi's mum for your continued support on this project. 

## Children Moving on to School

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 leavers' Graduation Ceremony is on **Friday 27<sup>th</sup> July**. The ceremony will start at **4:30pm** prompt and will last approximately 45 minutes. If your child is one of our 'leavers' and doesn't normally attend on a Friday please bring them in for our Graduation Ceremony. We will have a small party afterwards until 6pm for children in the 3-5's group with a bouncy castle (weather permitting), music and party foods. The bouncy castle will be at the nursery all day and the children in the younger rooms will be taken on it in small groups during the morning. On the day of the ceremony we will allow photos to be taken on phones and cameras including group photos. If anybody doesn't wish their child to be photographed please let us know in writing by Friday 20<sup>th</sup> July 2018. We ask all parents to be respectful of other parents wishes and please do not post photos with children other than your own in on social media unless you have the other parents permission. We look forward to seeing you all on the day-please arrive between 4:15 and 4:30 (no earlier or later please), please ensure if driving you find another safe place to park as you will be unable to use the driveway for the purpose of this event.

*"I'm sure as always it will be an emotional day especially for those of you that have been with us a long time! We are proud to have been part of all of your lives and help in the development of all our Bright Stars! Please don't forget us and stay in touch via our Facebook page. We welcome visits from our past children and wish you all the best for the future!"*

## Starlings Room News

Our babies have had a lovely month; we enjoyed meeting the police and exploring the police car supported by our key persons, we have enjoyed lots of sensory and water play. We have been exploring different instruments and making sounds and making fathersday cards.

- Please ensure all children's things are labelled. Please ensure your child has a sunhat & cream.

## Starfish Room News

This month Starfish have enjoyed; lots of water play outside, exploring and creating with paints, making shortbread for fathersday; measuring out ingredients, learning the names of utensils and how to use them and rolling out our own dough and cutting the shapes with cutters. Some of our Starfish have been really interested in babies and dollies as we

have some children with younger siblings and some mummies due to have babies. We have lots of baby stories in the office if you would like to borrow a book to read with your child.

- Please ensure your child has appropriate clothing; a costume, towel, crocs/jelly shoes. For water play.
- Please ensure your child has enough spare clothes at nursery – especially if they are toilet training.

## Bright Stars Room News

This month Bright Stars have had a great month, the children really enjoyed pairing up with the children from George Spicer School and visiting the school. We had some lovely rocks we painted and children enjoyed finding them on the rock hunt. The children also took part in baking for fathers day and we hope all the daddies enjoyed the treats! We have an update on our garden; some of the children have had a taste of the salad and our courgettes and carrots are growing really well and the children are so excited to see them growing from the plants. We are also talking a lot about foods and healthy living, we have been discussing different food groups and playing a game where we sort the foods into different groups.

- Please check the suncream box to ensure your child has enough suncream at nursery. The spare we hold is for emergencies only!
- Please note we DO NOT supply spare clothes unless it's an emergency! Please ensure your child has enough spare clothes at nursery especially underwear. If your child does use our emergency spares please ensure you BRING THEM BACK, washed ASAP!

*Dennisha, Gizem & Paige (Bright Stars)*

## July Planning

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



Our topic for July is; Summer/Holidays

**Some of the activities will be;**

- Looking at different modes of transport to go on holiday
- Different countries and holiday destinations
- Visit to Travel Agents/looking at holiday brochures
- Making postcards
- Making sandcastles and flags and exploring natural materials such as shells

### 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 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.