

1st June 2018

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Dear Parents

What a lovely May we had, children in the pre-school we're lucky to meet some exotic animals when ZooLab visited the nursery! They got up close and personal with a Tarantula, a snake and an Iguana as well as an African Land Snail and a cute fluffy Guinea Pig. Children in Starfish had two old faces return to the group Katherine & Monique who are previous Bright Stars practitioners who have got right back in like they never left, the children have especially enjoyed Katherine's singing and signing. Children in Starlings have been able to go on some trips to the local area and have enjoyed exploring outside in the warm weather.

Important Dates

Wednesday 6th June 2018 – SCHOOL LEAVERS PHOTOS & GROUP PHOTOS

Friday 20th July 2018 – Proposed Day for Summer Outing

Friday 27th July 2018 – Bright Stars Graduation

Friday 3rd August 2018 – Nursery Closes for the Summer Break (2 weeks)

Monday 20th August 2018 – Nursery re-opens

Monday 27th 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



From Planting to Plate - Project

We have planted most of our seeds, seedlings and plants now, when it has been dry the children have been watering them. Our pre-school children have also been practicing writing the names of the plants. The children are 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.

We are hoping to re-start our weekly allotment trips on Fridays for the children in the Bright Stars group in June.

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



Nursery Legoland Outing

Please bring your forms back for Legoland as soon as possible as places are limited. We need as many parents as possible to support us on this trip and I'm sure it will be a fun day for us all!

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 graduation will be held on **Friday 27th July** at **4:30pm**.

Graduation & Group Photos (SCHOOL LEAVERS ONLY)

The photographer will attend on Wednesday 6th June @ 9:30am 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 4th June 2018.

Nursery Photographer – All children (Reminder)

If your child was not in for the photos on 30th June, we will arrange for them to have them on Wednesday 6th June.

Starlings Room News

The children have really enjoyed creative activities this month and we have made the childrens favourite; trains and butterflies. We have been exploring the paint with our hands and brushes! We have also been enjoying music, instruments and singing. We have taken more trips out to Enfield Town and have enjoyed lots of time outside in the garden in the warmer weather.

Starfish Room News

This month Starfish have enjoyed baking Gingerbread, we plan to carry out cooking activities weekly going forward so would love for parents to send in any recipes (especially savoury recipes) We have also been learning how to pour drinks with control through water play activities and have been exploring story sacks and the story of the 3 Little Pigs.

- Please ensure your child has a toothbrush and paste at nursery.

Bright Stars Room News

This month Bright Stars have been looking at 'Summer'. We have discussed sun safety and staying hydrated and the children have carried out a range of creative activities for a display we have also incorporated Jolly Phonics into the topic and children have been segmenting and blending summer words. We have been encouraging children to recognise double digit numerals and learning to count to 100 during circle times. We have continued our growing and tending to our plants and our vegetables are growing nicely. We had a teacher visit us and have enjoyed dressing up in different school uniforms and getting ready to start school.

- Please let us know when your child's last day is (please remember you need to give 1 months notice)
- **Jolly Phonics** For children in our Jolly Phonics groups (school leavers) please return your child's homework

For those parents asking about the educational games we play on the interactive whiteboard the website is; www.topmarks.co.uk Select your age bracket (3-5) or (5-7) and then on the left hand side you select your area of learning.

Dennisha, Gizem & Paige (Bright Stars)

June Planning

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



- Cards
- Books about Dad's
- Looking at different families



- Eid Cards
- Making Samosa's with Naznine
- Eid Foods
- Story of Eid



(Starfish)

- Police/Fire brigade Visits TBC
- Dressing up
- Reading stories and discussions



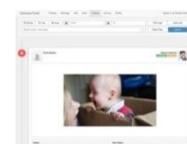
(Pre-School)

- Looking at the Solar System
- Learning about Astronauts
- Making rockets & planets

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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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.