

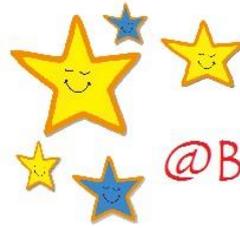


# BRIGHT STARS NEWS

1<sup>st</sup> October 2018

Dear Parents

Wow September just flew by...we had so much going on for our little ones! We have had such a sunny September with lovely weather and we have been able to get out and about exploring the local environment with lots of trips out to Enfield Town park (Starlings), Enfield Town Overground Station (Starfish) and Bush Hill Park and Enfield playing fields /park as we had a special request from a child to have a picnic and make Marmite sandwiches(Bright Stars).



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Our Starfish outing to Enfield Town park where they explored leaves. Bright Stars visit to Bush Hill park nature area to collect conkers.

Making our own sandwiches. Windy picnic in the park. Trying the Marmite Sandwiches.Taking calculated risks and having new experiences.

Starfish trip to the train station and poundland to chose some new books for the nursery. We chose Peppa Pig!

## Goodbye....

September is always such an emotional month where we say good bye to last of our oldest Bright Stars as they start their journey into school and this year was no exception! We loved being able to experience the children's first days at George Spicer and supporting all of you lovely families. We thank you all for letting us be part of your children's early years and we are so proud of them all. We had some early readers and writers this year which we feel is down to Gizem's excellent delivery of the Jolly Phonics small group work and all of our children went into school confident and well prepared so we want to say a big thank you to the Bright Stars practitioners Dennisha, Gizem and Paige for the exceptional work you do on a daily basis.

## Welcome

We would like to say a big welcome to our new children; Emmanuella, Denorvie & Zylah (Starlings), Amed &Sienna(Starfish) and Elodie, Benji &Lyric (Bright Stars). We look forward to seeing you grow and develop to become Bright Stars of the future achieving the best you can be!

## 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. **IF YOU HAVEN'T ALREADY THEN PLEASE COME TO THE OFFICE TO SIGN YOUR FORM.**

Thank you.

- Toddler City/Sensory Play (Starlings/Starfish Mondays 10:30am) £ TBC
- Football/Sports (Bright Stars –Monday 11:00am) £TBC
- Computer Club (Bright Stars–Thursday 10am) *Paid direct to club*
- Yoga (Starlings/Starfish – Friday 8:45am Bright Stars – Friday 9:15am) *£5.00 per session invoiced termly*



## Harvest Festival

Please bring in non-perishable food items for our Harvest Box. We will be taking a trip to St Andrews Church to deliver the box and visit the church! The bulk of the collection will go to North Enfield Foodbank and a smaller amount goes to local people in need!

### Important Health & Safety Information

### Annual Updating of Children's Care Plans-REMINDER

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.

### Important Dates

Wednesday 24<sup>th</sup> October 2018 – Parents Consultation Evening

Friday 21<sup>st</sup> December 2018 – 6pm Close for Christmas Break

Wednesday 2<sup>nd</sup> January 2019 – 7:30am Nursery Re-opens

Friday 2<sup>nd</sup> August 2019 – 6pm Close for Summer Break

Monday 19<sup>th</sup> August 2019 – 7:30am Nursery Re-opens



### 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

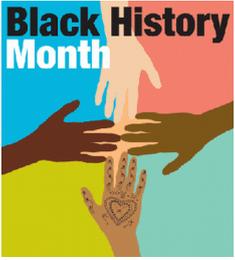
Your monthly invoice will be enclosed with this newsletter. Where possible we prefer payment to be made directly by bank transfer. Our bank details are as follows and please always use your child's name as reference :-

**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)



## Black History Month

We are planning to look at Black History Month in October. The older children will be looking at the stories of Rosa Parks and Martin Luther King. We hope to include a cultural meal and would welcome any suggestion you may have around this topic. It would be lovely if there were any parents who may be available to come in and do activities with our children. If you do have any ideas or activities that you would like to share with us please feel free to talk to your child's key person or team leader.



## Wellies & Raincoats

We will be accessing our lovely outdoor spaces throughout the autumn and winter months therefore please ensure your child has a named raincoat and wellington boots at the setting at all times – thank you.

# Eat Better Start Better

## Menu Change

For your information we will be trialing our new Menu's so you will see the new meals coming up on your iconnect account.

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

## Parents Evening

Our next parents evening will be held on Wednesday 24<sup>th</sup> October at 6pm so please put this date in your diaries; if for any reason you can't make it on this evening then you can arrange an appointment to see your child's key person at another mutually convenient time.

Parent's evenings are a nice opportunity to meet other parents at the setting. Refreshments will be provided for parents attending straight from work and we look forward to seeing you all then.



## Toothbrush Change

As you will be aware we brush children's teeth each day they attend nursery, we ask you to change children's toothbrushes and provide them with a new toothbrush every 3 months so please bring a new toothbrush in at the end of the month ready for October.

## Room News

### Starlings

We have had a lovely month welcoming our new Starlings; Zylah, Emmanuella and Denorvie. We have started to look at Autumn and have gone on little trips to the park and attempted painting with natural items such as leaves and twigs. We have also explored and collected natural items to use for our nursery display.

#### Room Reminders;

- Please ensure your child's belongings are labelled with their name.
- Please can everybody check at home that they have not taken home a green long sleeve top by mistake
- Please donate tinned or long-life food for our harvest box.

### Starfish

This month Pat has had her chef hat on and the children have made a range of savoury goodies; bread, cheese scones, banana bread, blueberry muffins and pizza (including making the dough from scratch) If anybody else has any ideas for recipes our budding bakers can make then please let us know!

In other news Katherine has been carrying on from Di's weekly Yoga sessions during the week and we have seen that having daily yoga has a calming effect on the children (and staff!)

#### Room Reminders;

- Please ensure you do not leave any food items in children's bags due to children in the nursery with allergies

### Bright Stars

This month Bright Stars have been looking at our local environment. We have visited places of interest, practiced road safety and made a display of our nursery road 'Southbury Road' and made 3d models of our nursery and Tesco. We have also drawn our own representations of cars we saw passing by the nursery.

We have also been learning about ourselves and our heritage and have been exploring different world flags and have created our own flags to represent where we are from.

#### Room Reminders

- Please bring in an up to date family photo as we are making a 'families' photo album
- Please remember to carry out and return your Jolly Phonics home learning activity and return to Gizem

Can we please remind all parents our breakfast time ends at 9am. If you want your child to have breakfast please ensure they are in nursery for 8:45am in order to give them enough time to serve and eat their breakfast. This is

because we start our activities at 9am and want the children to have as much undisturbed time as possible for activities and self directed play – thank you for your understanding.

Dennisha, Gizem & Paige (Bright Stars)

## October 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 general theme for October is:**

- Autumn

**Including:**

- Learning about 'Black History'
- Halloween
- Autumn

**Some of the activities we are going to be doing this month are:-**

### Black History Month

- Rosa Parks/Nelson Mandela/Martin Luther King
- Dancing to cultural Music – learning traditional dances
- Dressing up – children invited to come in traditional dress
- Exploring Cultural Instruments
- Making Drums
- Exploring cultural Artefacts
- Weaving
- Making bowls from clay



### Autumn/Seasonal Nature/Seasonal Foods/Harvest continued...

- Going on Autumn walks to collect items
- Bark Rubbing/Leaf Rubbings
- Looking at and discussing Autumn Weather
- Tasting Autumn Vegetables
- Vegetable Printing
- Cooking
- Allotment Visits



### Halloween

- Apple Bobbing
- Making Chocolate/Toffee Apples
- Halloween Stained Glass Windows
- Pumpkin Carving
- Halloween Disco/Fancy dress



### 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 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

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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.