



# BRIGHT STARS NEWS

1<sup>st</sup> Aug 2018

Dear Parents

Wow July just flew by! Our little ones had a great month! We had so many summer activities, trips and events. Our Starlings enjoyed trips to the park and Enfield Town, our Starfish enjoyed a trip to Enfield

Town man made beach! Our Bright Stars had some small group trips to the science museum then most of the nursery took off to Legoland for a busy and fun packed day! We also help our graduation party and ceremony where all groups got turns on the bouncy castle throughout the day and it managed to just about stay dry until we graduated our oldest BrightStars ahead of them starting school. We would just like to say a huge thank you to all the parents that supported us on the trip and to the parents in the Bright Stars group for your lovely gifts and the amazing speech you made that brought us all to tears, just hearing how happy you are with the nursery and how prepared your children are for school really makes all of our jobs worthwhile – so thank you xx



Please follow our  
new Facebook Page

@BrightStarsNurseryLtd

Trip to 'Enfield Town Beach' – enjoying a snack at the beach... Small Group Trip to the Science Museum

Preparing for Legoland...

Legoland fun!

Bouncy Castle

Graduating our oldest Bright Stars

## GDPR Privacy Notices – REQUIRED URGENTLY – 2<sup>ND</sup> REMINDER

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-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.

### Parent Lateness

Just to remind our parents our closing time is 6pm sharp. Any child collected after this time will incur late collection fees.

### Important Dates

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)



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)

### 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 go to the school and collect your child, provide them with a cooked lunch and tea and provide 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 us know as places for this will be limited and will be on a first come first served basis.

### Iconnect Observations

More of you have been adding observations of your child via the iconnect app which is great to see. Observations from home help us to plan for your child and make great talking points for us to communicate with your child about what they are doing outside of nursery. If anybody would like help on how to use iconnect or add photos and observations please let us know.

### 30 HOURS FREE CHILDCARE – REMINDER

For your information eligible parents will be able to access 30 Hours Free Childcare funding with effect from 1<sup>st</sup> September 2018 for children who have turned 3 years before 31st August 2018. The nursery is able to claim this funding on your behalf although you will be required to check your eligibility on the Government's 'Childcare Choices' website, which will generate a voucher code for you, and you will also need to provide the nursery with evidence of the following information:-

- The voucher code number
- The parent's national insurance number & dates of birth (and that of their partner where applicable)
- The child's date of birth

NB: Please note that places cannot be offered under this scheme without the above evidence/information.

Eligibility rules for the 30 hours free childcare are:-

- Your child will be aged 3 or 4 when the scheme starts (1 September 2018)

- Both parents must be working – or the sole parent is working in a lone parent family
- Each parent earns, on average, a weekly minimum equivalent to 16 hours at National Minimum Wage or National Living Wage
- Each parent must have an annual income of less than £100,000
- You live in England

The Childcare Choices website brings together all the government childcare offers for the first time and parents can also sign up for tax free childcare as well as check eligibility for the 30 hours free childcare. The website can be accessed at: <http://www.childcarechoices.gov.uk>

Children not eligible for the 30 hours free childcare will continue to be eligible for the 15 hours nursery education funding from the term following their 3<sup>rd</sup> birthday.

## Starlings Room News

Our babies have had a lovely month; we enjoyed a little trip around Enfield Town and to the park in the warm weather. We have enjoyed sensory play with paint, shredded paper and different materials exploring with our whole bodies. We enjoyed a sensory session from 'Toddler City' where we participated in music and movement and a range of physical activities (please look out for booking form in next months newsletter if you would like to book these sessions for next term)

- Have a lovely break, see you when we get back 😊

## Starfish Room News

This month Starfish have enjoyed; lots of time outside in our pools and with water play. We have also been recognising healthy foods and making our own salads and sandwiches. We have also enjoyed exploring some new toys and equipment in our room such as our small world garage and farm house and toy foods in the role play area. We also got some new dolls equipment; a baby bath and changing mat and nappies for our dollies due to the children's continued interest in 'babies'

- Please ensure your child has appropriate clothing; a costume, cotton t-shirt, towel, crocs/jelly shoes. For water play.
- Please ensure your child has enough spare clothes at nursery – especially if they are toilet training.
- Please check your child has sun cream and a sun hat at all times
- Please bring in family photos for our display; these can be added to iconnect from your phone as an observation or emailed to [nikki@brightstarsnursery.ltd.uk](mailto:nikki@brightstarsnursery.ltd.uk)

## Bright Stars Room News

This month Bright Stars have had a great month, our older school leavers have been taking part in writing activities and are learning to write 3 letter words! We have also been discussing different occupations in the construction industry! We have had lots of fun activities and trips; some children visited the science museum and we had an extremely fun day at Legoland Windsor! Our graduation was emotional but lovely graduating all our school leavers. Thank you for all of your kind words and gifts! We will miss you all!

- If your child is leaving please note that your iconnect account will close on your child's leaving date therefore please save any photos you wish to keep in advance!
- If your child is leaving – please ensure you take all their belongings off of their pegs!

# August 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 August is; Fun Week/Bright Stars Carnival

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

- Dressing up and making carnival costumes
- Listening to carnival music and dancing
- Tasting carnival and cultural foods
- Making carnival 'floats' from our bikes and cars
- Carnival Party!

## 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 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.