

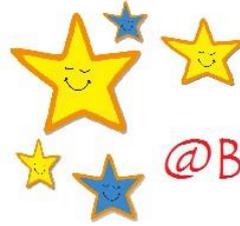


BRIGHT STARS NEWS

1st September 2018

Dear Parents

A big welcome back (or welcome to those who have just joined us) we hope you all had a great summer break! You may have noticed that during the holidays we had some painting completed inside. This is part of our ongoing maintenance & improvements to our nursery building.



Please follow our
new Facebook Page

@BrightStarsNurseryLtd

This looks to be a busy term with lots of activities for our topics of all about me, harvest, autumn, halloween, gawkes, remembrance Sunday/poppies, diwali, children in need, st andrews day and our christmas celebrations. If you have any ideas for topics or we have missed our any festivals that you or your family celebrate please do let us know.

August's News

August was a short month, after the business of June and July we had a nice relaxing August break and our little ones came in with all the exciting things they did in our 2 week break.

Children Moving up

We have some of our children currently starting the transition process to the next group, this can sometimes be daunting for children which is why we offer settling in sessions to the new group with the child's current key person. We also offer a meeting where parents can meet with the current and new key person together to share information. If your child is in the process of moving up you should have been offered one of these meetings these are usually done towards the end of the day before you collect your child but can also be done in a morning. Please let us know if you would like a meeting so we can arrange cover for the key persons to both attend. If you cannot attend the meeting you will still need to fill in the transition form which will be given to you by your current key person.

GDPR Privacy Notices – REQUIRED URGENTLY – 3RD 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.

Extra Curricular Activities

We are in the process of re-booking our Extra Curricular Activities for the coming term. Children really enjoyed the Football and Yoga Sessions in previous years. Prices per session are £5.00 per child per session and means your child can partake in extra curricular activities during nursery rather than during your busy weekends. Each activity needs a minimum number of children to book and you can choose the activities you would like using the attached 'Extra Curricular Activities Pre-Booking Form' which needs to be emailed or given in to the office by Friday 7th September 2018.

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 or print it and fill it out and give it in to the office. Thank you.

Important Dates

Wednesday 24th October 2018 – Parents Consultation Evening

Friday 21st December 2018 – 6pm Close for Christmas Break

Wednesday 2nd January 2019 – 7:30am Nursery Re-opens

Friday 2nd August 2019 – 6pm Close for Summer Break

Monday 19th 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

Harvest Festival

As part of our Harvest Festival celebrations we will be making a food parcel to donate to the church, it would be lovely if you were able to donate a couple of non-perishable food items for us to take along. A box will be provided in the nursery for you to put the items in from next week and we hope to on an outing with some of the children to deliver the parcel. The children will be practicing their Harvest Songs over the coming weeks and we hope to also visit the church to see their Harvest Displays.

Black History Month

We are planning to celebrate 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

We are currently in the process of updating the nursery Menu's for the autumn and winter months, if you have any healthy recipes your child particularly enjoys at home then please let us know and we would especially welcome any dishes from children's home cultures.

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 24th 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.

September 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 topics for September are;

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

- Self Portraits
- Making 3D models of Our homes
- Making family books
- Sensory Photo Bottles
- Wow Wall
- Hand and Foot Prints
- Body Painting (Babies)
- Bright Stars Children's Star Principles (3-5's)
- Discussing our pets
- Discussing different types of families
- Fruit & Veg Printing
- Visit to Church
- Visit to Market
- Making Play dough Models of fruit & Veg
- Learning Harvest Songs
- Looking at farms, crops and animals

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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Bright Stars Nursery Ltd

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.