



BRIGHT STARS NEWS

1st November 2018

Dear Parents

What a great October we had! We enjoyed celebrating Harvest Festival and learning about helping others less fortunate than ourselves. Some children were chosen to go on a special trip to deliver the Harvest goods collected to the church to be distributed to local people in need. Father 'Steve' also gave us a tour of the church and the children were able to explore and ask questions. Then we continued discussing charity, holding a cake sale for cancer where the children took the lead in making and selling the cakes. We also began collecting items for our shoe box appeal and the children are planning what to do for Children in Need in a few weeks time so watch this space.



Sorting the Harvest donated goods. Trip to St Andrews church where the children delivered the goods and looked around the church.

Cake Sale; we held a cake sale over 2 evenings.

The children were the bakers and sellers.

Welcome

We would like to say a big welcome to our new child; Asiah (Starlings) We look forward to seeing you grow and develop to become Bright Star 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.

Extra Curricular Activities

If you would like to add your child to any of our Extra Curricular Activities please let us know;

- Toddler City/Sensory Play (Starlings/Starfish Mondays 10:30am) £5.00 per session invoiced termly
- Football/Sports (Bright Stars -Monday 11:00am) £5.00 per session invoiced termly
- Yoga (All rooms - Friday 9:30am) £5.00 per session invoiced termly

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

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 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



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.



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

This month we have continued to look at 'Autumn' and have explored leaves and conkers.

Room Reminders;

- Please ensure your child's belongings are labelled with their name.
- As the weather is changing can you please ensure that children are dressed appropriately for the cold weather and have suitable footwear and outdoor clothing at nursery at all times to be able to go into the garden on local trips.

Tina & Niki (Starlings)

Starfish

This month Pat has continued with her weekly baking activities.

We have also been looking at Autumn and have been looking at the weather, visiting the park and looking at the nature changes in Autumn and making Autumn crafts for our display

Room Reminders;

- Please ensure your child has appropriate winter clothing; hats, scarfs, gloves, waterproof warm coat and suitable footwear to use the garden in all weathers – thank you.

Katherine & Pat (Starfish)

Bright Stars

This month Bright Stars have been very busy learning about Black History month, Harvest and looking at Halloween. We have got creative using a range of resources making Halloween decorations such as toilet roll monsters, cotton bud skeletons, spooky paper chains, leaf ghosts and sponge print pictures in Halloween colours. For Black history month we explored different types of kente cloths and made rasta bead bracelets discussing what each colour represents. We also discussed famous black inventors and activists.

Phonics group; Our phonics group have started sounding the letters of their names and are beginning to form letters. An excellent start to the term.

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)

November 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 themes for November are:

- Guy Fawkes/Firework Night- 5th
- Diwali – 7th
- Remembrance Day- 11th
- Children in Need-16th
- St Andrews Day- 30th

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

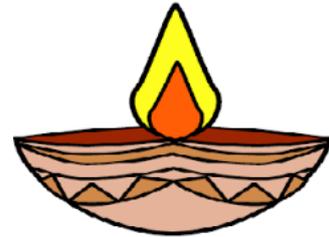
Guy Fawkes/Firework Night

- Story of Guy Fawkes
- Fire Safety
- Firework splatter paintings
- Making 3D Firework models
- Making our own 'Guy'
- Watching Fireworks in the sky from upstairs windows



Diwali

- Special Diwali Lunch
- Rangoli (Chalk) Prints/Patterns
- Rama & Sita story
- Making Diwali coconut sweets
- Making Diyas from clay
- Indian Music
- Visit to Temple
- Building a 'Temple' from blocks/looking at photographs of temples/discussing



Remembrance Day

- Making Poppies
- Discussing remembrance day (Bright Stars)
- Observing the 2 minute silence
- Visiting Memorial

Children in Need

- Pyjama day
- Looking at how Children in Need has helped children around the world
- Making Biscuits and icing them and Making cakes



St Andrew's Day

- Traditional Scottish Lunch
- Scottish dancing
- Kilts!



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; Nikki

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.