

Little Stars Pre-school

Newsletter November 2019

Welcome back!!!! Hope you all had a lovely half term break.

I know the Newsletter can be a little long, but can I encourage you to read all the letter as it does contain a lot of important information and if there is anything you would like to speak to us about please do not hesitate to do so.

Our topic this half term will be Celebrations. We will be looking at Birthdays, Diwali, Hanukkah and Christmas and will be making decorations, cards, colourful patterns inviting our Teddies to come and picnic with us (week beginning 11/11/19). You can keep up to date on our daily activities by following us on our Facebook page.

This year Little Stars have decided to help with the shoe box appeal, we have talked a lot with the children recently about how lucky we all are to have such wonderful toys not just at home but at pre-school as well. We feel this is an important time of year for all children to feel the joy of gifts/ presents, so we ask for your help to make this happen. If you would like to help us we would be most thankful. You are more than welcome to bring your own shoe boxes in already filled or donate some items to add to our boxes. We have already received some very generous donations and shoes boxes. Here are some items that we can use for the shoe box.

Bar of soap

Toothbrush

Pens

Pencils

Colouring books

Small toys (no guns please)

Gloves

Hat

Are last collection day for these at pre-school will be the 14th November as we will be delivering these on the 16th. Many thanks for your support

Children In Need Week beginning 11th November - We would like the children to bring in a Teddy with them to take part in our Teddy Bears picnic. Children are also welcome to wear their fancy dress along with the teachers!!!! We will have a donation bucket available if you would like to support Children In Need.....Every Little Helps. We will also have a Guess the name of the Pudsey Bear competition.

Christmas Jumper Week The teachers will be wearing Christmas jumpers during the last week of term and we would love the children to as well (16th 20th December).

Christmas Party and Concert Our Christmas Party will be Friday 20th December at 12pm. ALL of the children are invited to attend, we would love to see them all there. If a Friday afternoon is not your child's normal session, please bring them in at 12 noon. Children that normally attend on a Friday afternoon will not need to bring a packed lunch as we will be having party food. A food list will be put on the door for everyone to contribute nearer the day.

At 2.15pm we ask all Parents/Carers to come and join us for the Children's Christmas Concert. We also need a special guest (Father Christmas) please let Julia know if you can help or know anyone who can help.

Extended Hours

We are now offering breakfast 8am-9am for parents/carers that may need that extra childcare. We are happy to take older siblings of children who attend Little Stars and need to be taken to Solent Infants or Juniors (Unfortunately we are unable to drop off at other schools in the area). If this is something you would like to take up then please talk to Julia or Jade or drop us an e-mail. If you know of anyone that this might help, then please pass on our details. Can I also say that we can take children on Inset Days if this helps you.

Proud Cloud

We have had many proud moments to celebrate. The idea is that teachers, parents, carers and relatives will use sticky notes to express a proud moment or event ie: helping at home, being kind to others, learning a new skill and good listening. The board

is in the entrance along with packs of sticky notes for you to jot down your "proud" moment and add to the Proud Cloud. These will be transferred into your child's Special Book each week. (please use child's key colour post it note)

Invoices

Please be reminded that invoices need to be paid promptly to avoid arrears. Invoices need to be paid in full before the end of each half term (by the Wednesday) as agreed in your payment policy. There is also the option to pay by Direct Debit or Bank transfer (see details on invoices) Please note that Cheques are no longer accepted at Little Stars Pre-school.

Please be reminded that Fees increased from 01/04/19. They are as follows:

2-3 years - £4.75 per hour

3-4 years - £4.25 per hour

Extra sessions and lunches are to be paid on the day attending.

We are experiencing lunches and extra sessions not being paid for on the day or in advance as well as invoice payments being left right to the last minute and resulting in us having to chase for payments that can be a little embarrassing as well as worrying. Please ensure these payments are made promptly.

Collection of Children.

Please be reminded that if collecting your child before 12 noon or 3pm you will need to collect them before 11.45 or 2.45pm as to not disturb story time. We would also appreciate it if we know you are collecting early to enable us to have your child ready to bring them to you at the front door.

Lunches

Please can we remind you that we do not have sweets or fizzy drinks in our lunchboxes as we like to promote healthy eating and **GRAPES NEED TO BE SLICED LENGTHWAYS to avoid potential choking hazards.** Can we also ask that an ice pack be placed in your child's lunch box please as we do not have a large fridge to store them all in during the morning.

Home-link Dexter and Ellie

The children often talk about their adventures and the fun they had with their family with Ellie and Dexter, so for everyone to be able to have a turn we ask he visits for about a week.

Pre-school Uniform

Our uniform suppliers are My Clothing. Parents can purchase Pre-school uniforms, PE bags, rucksacks and caps by clicking on the "Uniform" link on our website www.littlestarsfarlington.co.uk . Please look as you can help us receive a small donation for pre-school.

Being ready for all weathers

Being ready for all weathers. As the season changes please ensure your child has suitable outside wear with them and it has their name in. Can you ensure that names are added to all clothing and hats. Please ensure that your child is dressed ready for the day with adequate changes of clothing, including a coat with a hood and suitable footwear in their named bag. If your child wears wellies to pre-school, please ensure they have a change of footwear for indoors. We will put wellies on for outside activities. Please name all belongings including coats, shoes, hats, changing bags and lunch boxes.



Song of the week

Please encourage your child to sing our weekly song at home with family and friends. If you are unsure of the songs, then please speak to your child's key person who will get the words for you.

Week beginning	
04/11/19	Little Miss Muffet
11/11/19	Teddy Bear, Teddy Bear
18/11/19	Twinkle, Twinkle Little Star
25/11/19	The Grand Ole Duke of York
02/12/19	Christmas Songs to follow soon
09/12/19	
16/12/19	

Colour of the week.

The colour of the week is to encourage the children to bring in something from home that can be talked about in a large group (show and tell). Please encourage your child to bring something in that matches the colour of the week and place it in the colour of the week box

4/11/19	Orange
11/11/19	Spotty 
18/11/19	Sparkly 
15/11/19	Silver
2/12/19	Red
9/12/19	Green
16/12/19	Gold

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Term Dates September 2019 - July 2020

1st Half Autumn Term 2019

Thursday 5th September - Friday 25th October

HALF TERM

Monday 28th October - Friday 1st November

2nd Half Autumn Term 2019

Monday 4th November - Friday 20th December

CHRISTMAS HOLIDAYS

Monday 23rd December - Monday 6th January

1st Half Spring Term 2020

Tuesday 7th January - Friday 14th February

HALF TERM

Monday 17th February - Friday 21st February

2nd Half Spring Term 2020

Monday 24th February - Friday 3rd April

EASTER HOLIDAYS

Monday 6th April - Monday 17th April

1st Half Summer Term 2020

Monday 20th April - Friday 22nd May

BANK HOLIDAY - MONDAY 4th MAY (CLOSED)

HALF TERM

Monday 25th May - Friday 29th May

2nd Half Summer Term 2020

Monday 1st June - Friday 17th July