

# Little Stars Pre-school

## Newsletter June 2021

WOW!! The 2<sup>nd</sup> Half of the Summer Term and what a year it has been!!

Please e-mail any pictures of activities the children may have done over the Holiday so we can add them to their Special Books.

Just to let you know that all Staff and Students are still Self Testing twice weekly to ensure safety until such time we are told it is no longer required.

I know the Newsletter can be a little long, but can I encourage you to read it all 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 by either text, phone or e-mail.

Please refrain from messaging on Facebook as we do not always get these or see them.

This half term we will be looking at "The Weather", hot and cold and keeping safe in the sun. We will look at what moves in the air, in the sea and on land. We will also talk about road safety and will be focusing on Moving onto BIG school.

COVID19 Guidance has not changed, so we will still be asking parents to drop off and pick up outside. Please use the hand sanitiser provided for both you and your child, when dropping off and picking up, and please wear a facemask. Please remove your child's glove and ensure hands are sanitised before coming into pre-school.

### Extended Hours

We offer breakfast 8am-9am for Parents/Carers that may need that extra childcare. We are happy to take older siblings that 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 need, then please speak to Julia or Jo or drop us an e-mail. If you know anyone that this might help, please pass on our details. Can I also say that we can take children up to the age of 8 years of age, this means that children can come to us when on Inset Days. Again, please let us know if we can help or let anyone else you know that this might help.

## IMPORTANT DATES **PENDING** GOVERNMENT DECISIONS AT THE END OF JUNE 2021 WITH REGARD TO COVID 19.

Depending on the Governments decision at the end of June regarding COVID19, we are hoping that Guidelines will allow us to go ahead with our Sports Day and Graduation. If things change and we are able to go ahead with this then the dates will be as follows...

**Sports Day - Tuesday 6<sup>th</sup> July 11am - 12 noon.** ALL the children are invited to take part, so if your child does not normally attend on a Tuesday morning then please bring them in at 10.45 so they can join in. We then have picnic lunch with parents until 1pm when we resume our afternoon session.

**End of Term Party - Friday 16<sup>th</sup> July.** All the children are invited to our End of Term Party. If your child does not normally attend on a Friday, please bring them in at 12noon-3pm, so they can join us. **We would love ALL of the children to be here on this special day.** A food chart will be put up nearer the time for you to donate if you so wish.

**Graduation - Friday 16<sup>th</sup> July.** Well, what can I say, What a year, Yes, our Graduates leave us for BIG school. Depending on Guidelines, we would like to invite parents/carers to watch our Graduation Ceremony. Parents/Carers, of our Graduates, are asked to come in at 2.15pm and we will finish at 3pm. If your child does not normally attend on a Friday, please bring them in at 12 noon. It is really important to us that ALL our Graduates attend as we want to say our farewells!!!

All of the above will be confirmed as soon as we know what is happening!!

### 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 we do not accept cheques at Little Stars Pre-school.**

### Fees are as follows:

**2-3 years - £5.75 per hour**

**3-4 years - £5.25 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. Can I also remind you that if you require Breakfast Hour or 3-3.30pm please give us notice in advance.

### 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 (this includes fruit winders and Bear products), or fizzy drinks in our lunchboxes as we like to promote healthy eating and **GRAPES AND LARGE BLUEBERRIES 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 in during the morning.

### 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. Please ensure that your child is dressed ready for the day with adequate changes of clothing, including a waterproof/warm 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 please speak to your child's key person who will get the words for you or email me!!

| Week beginning  |   |
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| <b>07/06/21</b> | <b>Here we go round the mulberry bush</b>   |
| <b>14/06/21</b> | <b>The wheels on the bus</b>                |
| <b>21/06/21</b> | <b>1,2,3,4,5 once I caught a fish alive</b> |
| <b>28/06/21</b> | <b>The grand old duke of york</b>           |
| <b>05/07/21</b> | <b>Twinkle Twinkle traffic light</b>        |
| <b>12/07/21</b> | <b>I'm a Little Star shining bright</b>     |

Colour of the week.

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| <b>07/06/21</b> | <b>Yellow</b>    |
| <b>14/06/21</b> | <b>Orange</b>    |
| <b>21/06/21</b> | <b>Purple</b>    |
| <b>28/06/21</b> | <b>Green</b>     |
| <b>05/07/21</b> | <b>Red</b>       |
| <b>12/07/21</b> | <b>Favourite</b> |

Colour of the week is normally to encourage the children to bring in something from home that can be talked about in a large group (show and tell). Unfortunately, we cannot have the children bringing in items from home, so we will cover colour of the week in pre-school. We do ask that you encourage your child to do this activity at home and take a photo and send it in so we can print it and add it to their "Special Book"

### HALF TERM

Monday 31st May - Friday 4th June

### 2nd Half Summer Term 2021

Monday 7th June - Friday 16th July (Last Day of Term)