

# Little Stars Pre-school

## Newsletter January 2020

Pre-school re-opens TUESDAY 7<sup>th</sup> January 2020.

Welcome back!!!!

We Hope you had a lovely Christmas 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 Winter, Chinese New Year and Valentine's Day. We have lots of activities planned including making snow shakers, snow slim, what we wear in cold weather and we will make lanterns, dragon pictures and have food tasting. You can keep up to date on our daily activities by following us on our Facebook page.

Thank you for your generous donations for the shoebox appeal we delivered 12 boxes at the drop off point and we are waiting to hear which country they were delivered to.

### Children In Need

Well done we raised £76.50 for Children In Need this time.

### 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 Jo 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 up to the age of 8 years on Inset Days if this helps you or anyone you know.

### 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.

Fees will increase from April 2020 and will be confirmed in the New Year.

Fees until April 2020 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](http://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	
<b>07/01/20</b>	<b>Here we go round the Mulberry Bush</b>
<b>13/01/20</b>	<b>If you're Happy and you Know It</b>
<b>20/01/20</b>	<b>1,2,3,4,5</b>
<b>27/01/20</b>	<b>A.B.C.D.</b>
<b>03/02/20</b>	<b>I'm a Little Star</b>
<b>10/02/20</b>	<b>Head, Shoulders, Knees &amp; Toes</b>

### 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

<b>07/01/20</b>	<b>Favourite</b>
<b>13/01/20</b>	<b>White</b>
<b>20/01/20</b>	<b>Black</b>
<b>27/01/20</b>	<b>Yellow</b>
<b>03/02/20</b>	<b>Blue</b>
<b>10/02/20</b>	<b>Red</b>

### Little Stars Pre-school

Term Dates January 2020 - July 2020

#### 1<sup>st</sup> Half Spring Term 2020

Tuesday 7<sup>th</sup> January - Friday 14<sup>th</sup> February

HALF TERM

Monday 17<sup>th</sup> February - Friday 21<sup>st</sup> February

#### 2<sup>nd</sup> Half Spring Term 2020

Monday 24<sup>th</sup> February - Friday 3<sup>rd</sup> April

EASTER HOLIDAYS

Monday 6<sup>th</sup> April - Monday 17<sup>th</sup> April

**1<sup>st</sup> Half Summer Term 2020**

Monday 20<sup>th</sup> April - Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> May

BANK HOLIDAY - FRIDAY 8<sup>th</sup> MAY (CLOSED)

HALF TERM

Monday 25<sup>th</sup> May - Friday 29<sup>th</sup> May

**2<sup>nd</sup> Half Summer Term 2020**

Monday 1<sup>st</sup> June - Friday 17<sup>th</sup> July