

November Newsletter 2017



BrightStar Day Nursery has been rated **"GOOD"** after receiving its recent Ofsted inspection report in October 2017. We have shared below some of the points which were highlighted in their inspection of the nursery. What did Ofsted say?

- The provider uses effective self-evaluation to make targeted improvements to the nursery and enhance the experiences of children.
- Strong leadership and motivated staff provide children with good-quality play and learning experiences.
- Staff quickly identify any children who need additional support and develop strategies to help them catch up. Staff works effectively with other professionals, if needed. This particularly supports children who have special educational needs and/or disability.
- The provider uses an effective key-person system. Key persons support children's emotional well-being. Children form secure attachments, which help them settle quickly and become ready to learn. **OFSTED 2017**



WELCOME to all the new children and their parents who have joined the nursery. We are delighted to welcome you to BrightStar Day Nursery. Our friendly, experienced and highly qualified staff are on hand to help you and your child settle into nursery life.

Rising Star room

All the children enjoyed our trip to Queens Park Farm in October. They enjoyed looking at the animals and listening to the sounds they make.

All the children and staff would like to say a huge thank you, to Jovanni's dad, who came on the trip with us.

Please take a look at our pictures, which are displayed, in our room.

Super Stars room

We have been learning about different festivals throughout this term for e.g

- **Halloween, where children had lots of fun dressing up in their fancy dress clothing. Children also made pumpkins in their arts and craft sessions.**
- **Eid, "celebration of Ramadan", the children and staff dressed up in traditional clothes, sample foods and also took part in a wide range of fun activities. This allows our kids to learn about the wider world around them.**

Shining Stars room

This term our topic has been (All about me). Children learn and talk about their families, their feelings, parts of the body, senses, and how special they are.

We would like to invite all our parents and carers to our Christmas concert on Tuesday 19th of December 2017. The children are excited and working really hard in preparation for their concert. This will start at 10:30 am and finish at 2pm.

Miss Bridie will be going on maternity leave on Monday 20th November 2017. Please help us wish Bridie a wonderful maternity leave.

We currently have spaces available in the nursery for all ages. If you know someone who needs a nursery space, please have them contact the Nursery Manager on 020 7998 6042.

Thank you to all our parents for their donations and participation in our International Day Event, which was held at the nursery last month. It was a lovely evening and the management, staff and children got to sample some of the different cultural foods, which were prepared by parents, staff and our in-house cook. We also got the opportunity to witness and enjoyed the music of Bongo Drums played by Zoe's dad in Rising Stars accompanied by Mr Hammond (husband of Mrs Evelyn from Pre-School) who played the keyboard.

Parents are reminded to also label their children belongings e.g. their bags, coats, hats, gloves and clothes.

All parents are reminded to ensure that they collect their children on time. Failure to do so will result in a late fee of £10 every 15 minutes.

Please also note Children who are potty training require extra change of clothes and pull-ups. Please bring these on a daily basis.

Dates for Diary November/December

St Andrew Day – 30/11/17

Hanukah Starts – 12/12/17

Christmas Lunch – 13/12/2017

Christmas Concert (pre-school) visit from
Santa and room parties – 19/12/17

Hanukah Ends – 20/12/17

Christmas Holidays – 23/12/17 to
01/01/18

Last day at nursery will be the 22nd of
December. The Nursery will be open
normal hours (7am-7pm).

Nursery will re-open Wednesday 2nd
January 2018 at the normal time (7am-
7pm) for all year round children.

**Fully funded children last day at the
nursery will be on the 19th December
and return on the 3rd of January 2018.**

Children's Uniform (Preschool only)

We have introduced uniforms for all
our Pre-school children.
The children look very smart and are
excited about their new uniforms.

Parents and carers are reminded to
ensure that your child is dressed in the
correct uniform, which is black jogging
bottoms and the nursery yellow polo
shirt and purple jumper.

Preschool Uniform can be bought from
the office.
(Jumper and tops only)

Please label your children uniforms

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- **Facebook:** (www.facebook.com/brightstarzdaynursery)
Instagram: (www.instagram.com/brightstardaynursery)
- **Our NEW and colourful website** www.brightstardaynursery.co.uk

Nursery Fees Reminder

Miss Coppin is our H/R Administrative Manager and is now handling all outstanding nursery fees. Parents should contact Miss Coppin to discuss their arrears if any.

- Please be reminded that all nursery fees **must** be paid in full on the 1st of every month to avoid a late payment fee of £10, which will be added to any account that is over one month in arrears.
- If you cannot pay your Nursery Fees on time it is important that you contact Miss Coppin on 020 3868 6241 immediately to let the office know. Where possible we may be able to agree a short-term payment plan to enable you to keep your child's place.
- If your nursery account arrears is not brought up to date within 14 calendar days of receiving a fee reminder letter, your childcare contract will be terminated until payment is received in full.
- Parents are reminded to use their child's name as reference when making payments into the nursery account.
- Please be reminded that our fees are based upon each child's schedule and split into 12 equal monthly payments. The weekly fee is multiplied by 51 weeks of the year and then divided by 12 months; therefore amount you pay per month remains the same.
- Parents whose children are attending the nursery (Term Time only) their fees are multiplied by 38 week (school term) and then divided by 12 months, therefore amount you pay per month remains the same.
- When asking for letters from the nursery, please allow up to two weeks for these letter to be ready for collection. Parent accounts, which are in arrears, will not be issued with a letter until arrears are paid in full.
- Parents and carers are kindly asked to check their monthly invoices for changes being made so they can make the necessary adjustments to their standing orders.

Please do not hesitate to contact me should you have any queries on 020 3868 6241 or email scoppin@brightstardaynursery.co.uk.

Buggies left at the Nursery

Although the nursery provides a space for buggies, it's at the discretion of all parents to utilise this.

We continue to request that buggies are left neatly, and care is taken when using this facility.

Bright Star Day Nursery is not liable for any stolen or damages done to buggies left on the nursery premises.

Winter Clothing

As we are entering the winter months, please ensure your child is coming to nursery with the appropriate clothing i.e. winter hat, coat, gloves and warm shoes.

Changes to Funded Hours Reminder

There has been changes to our funded hours please see below. Any queries regarding changes please contact the nursery management team.

Each funded session is three hours long our sessions are as follows:

- Morning session: 8:45am - 11:45am
- Afternoon session: 12.30pm - 3.30pm

We also offer a 2 ½ days for our 2, 3 and 4 years olds

- Full day: 8:45am - 2:45pm
- Morning: 8:45am - 11:45am

Staff Training

Safeguarding Training (refresher) – All staff

SENCO Training – Abena

Thank you for taking the time to read this newsletter. Please do not hesitate to contact me should you have any queries by email info@brightstardaynursery.co.uk .

Dear Parents/Carers

HO HO HO!

With Christmas fast approaching, here is an occasion to donate to a good cause! We are asking parents and carers to help us support people in our community who are in urgent need of food supplies this Christmas.

The nursery will be starting a food collection for our food bank on the **20th November – 15th December** and this will be placed in the reception area.

We are hoping this will help at least two families in the Brent community who have found themselves unable to put food on their table this Christmas.

We would also like to hear from our parents living in the community who they believe would most benefit from this cause. Please provide the management staff with contact details of the person who you will like to put forward to receive the children's donation.

If you or any friends or family have any of the following items you would like to donate they would be hugely appreciated by the families who we will be donating these items too.

Items for our **Christmas food Bank**

Tea and instant Coffee
Rice pudding
Cereal
Long life milk
Canned deserts
Tuna, Mackerel, Corn beef etc (canned)
Rice
Pasta
Biscuits
Crackers
Juices
Tin fruits/vegetables

Along with any other food items of your choice not on the list!

Many thanks

BrightStar Day Nursery