



DECEMBER NEWSLETTER

Dear Parents/Carers

Welcome to our December Newsletter. Christmas Day will soon be here and all the children are excited. Christmas is our busiest and most exciting time of the year, **AND**.....

TODAY is our CHRISTMAS PARTY with SANTA!

On behalf of Bright Star Day Nursery, I would like to say **THANK YOU** to all our parents for their continuous support throughout 2018 and for supporting their children every step of the way as your support is fundamental to your child's early learning and development. We thank you so much for being brilliant supportive parents.

What have the Children been up to?

Rising Stars - The babies have been enjoying sensory activities such as exploring Ice, corn flour and different type of fabrics such as soft and hard.

The babies in "Baby room 2" enjoyed mark making with bright colours, celebrating Diwali and Bond Fire Night. They also explored different textures and items related to other cultures, such as bangles and fabrics such as Saris, etc.

Both baby rooms have been singing Christmas songs and getting into the Festive spirit of Christmas. They have also designed Christmas Stockings.

Super Stars - The children have been practicing and learning our class routines. They are also encouraged to recognise their names during circle time. Our children enjoyed making Christmas cards and poppies for Remembrance Day.

Shining Stars Children in preschool have been learning and practicing their classroom routines, going over their golden rules and learning to apply it on a day to day basis. They have also been learning to recognise their names and have been learning to take on little responsibilities such as wiping their place mats after meal times.

Staff / Nursery News

Sadly we will be saying farewell to Abena as her last day with us will be on Friday 21st of December 2018. Abena has decided to take a break and spend more time with her family. Abena has been with BrightStar Day Nursery for over three years. She will truly be missed.

We would like to welcome Donna our new Deputy Manager who started with us in November 2018. Donna has over 12 years of experience within the educational sector and will be working in collaboration with Nicolo Williams our Nursery Manager.



Reminders

Parents and carers are kindly reminded to fold **ALL** buggies and place them neatly in the buggy area. There have been many occasions where buggies are being left open causing obstruction to the main entrance.

Please note the main entrance is a **"FIRE EXIT"** door and should not be blocked.

Inset day- Monday 7th of January 2019 for Term Time children only.

Parents are reminded to use their **child's name as reference** when making payments into the nursery account this includes vouchers payments. Nursery fees are due in advance on the 1st of each month. A late payment fee of £10 (per month) will be added to all accounts in arrears from 2019. Please ensure your nursery fees are paid in full.

The nursery last day for 2018 will be on Monday 24th December at 1pm and will re-open on Wednesday 2nd January 2019 (at the usual hours).

Please ensure when visiting/collecting children from the nursery that you close the nursery gate securely behind you at all times. **DO NOT** let any child out of the nursery gate if they are not in the company of a nursery staff or parent/carer.

This is not only an Ofsted Safeguarding requirement, but a requirement of Bright Star Day Nursery, to ensure our children and staff are kept safe on the premises at all times.

Dates for your Diary

Christmas Party with Santa - Tuesday 18th December

Nursery **CLOSED** (term time children only) on Friday 21st December 2018 at 1pm.

Christmas Holiday - Monday 24th December (nursery **CLOSED 1PM**)

January

Nursery re-opens – Wednesday 2nd January 2019

***Term Time Only** children return to Nursery on **Tuesday 8th January 2019**

Please note that children attending nursery during “Term Time Only” holiday times differ to those children attending nursery all year round. Term time dates and times are advertised on our website, Facebook page and Parent’s Information Boards at the nursery. Parents whose children attends the nursery “Term Time Only” will be asked to pay an additional fee if they wish for their child to attend the nursery during term time holidays.

We hope that you will have a restful Christmas period and a fun loving time with your children and family on Christmas day.



Merry Christmas and a Prosperous New Year from all of us at Bright Star Day Nursery.