



January Newsletter

Firstly, welcome back **& Happy New Year.**

We would like to say a big hello to our new starters at Bright Stars,

(Renai-mae) who have joined the (Baby room 2)

(Anees) who has joined the (Baby room 2)

(Miral) who has joined the (Nursery room)

(Hussain) who has joined the (Nursery room)

(Ric-Kai) who has joined the (Preschool)

We are glad to announce the Shirley-Ann will be occupying her new office here at the nursery from Monday 4th February 2019. Please feel free to visit her in the **main office** (located in the reception area) she is looking forward to meeting all of you.

Appropriate clothing

A quick reminder to provide appropriate outerwear such as gloves, hats, and scarves for your child to go outside and play as it is still very cold. Thank you!

Labelling

Please ensure you are labelling your children's items so if they are lost we can return them back to you promptly.

Nursery Gate

Please ensure when visiting/collecting children from the nursery that you close the nursery gate securely behind you at all times. Please also ensure you physically check that the gate is closed behind you. 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.

Theme of the Month

Baby room – In the month of January we are learning about different sounds using musical instruments.

In the month of February, we will be celebrating valentines, and Chinese New year. We will also be learning about farm animals.

Nursery room - In the month of January we are learning about numbers. This is done through number songs, rhymes, stories and books such the hunger caterpillar, counting objects and when lining up to go to the garden.

In the month of February, we will be learning about different textures. Some of the activities we will be doing are:

Playdough, cornflour, feeling different texture fabrics etc.

Preschool - In the month of January we are learning about shapes, colours, Transport, nursery rhymes, and road safety.

In the month of February, we will be celebrating Valentines Day and Chinese New Year by doing various creative activities.

Fee Payments

All nursery fees **MUST** be paid on the 1st of every month. This includes all methods of payment. For example, vouchers and Tax Free Childcare need to be paid at least 5 working days before payment is due. Please note there is an automatic fee from the 1st of the month of £10 per month for every invoice which is overdue.

If you have Facebook, have a look for our Facebook page “Bright Star Day Nursery” We will update it when we can with pictures and information on what we are doing at Bright Star.

Be sure to “**like**” the page

Nursery Lunches

Friendly reminder that parents paying for lunches must do so in advance on the first day of the week your child is attending the nursery. This should be paid into the nursery office or can be paid via bank transfers. Thank you!

Early Years Foundation Planning

Planning

We always follow out children's interests when it comes to planning, so this is a loose outline of what we will do this term. When a child shows an interest in something we go with it, so our weekly planning white board will show you a weekly list of what we are doing!

Personal Social and emotional

We will use circle time to share stories about Christmas, children can bring in photos or items to support their news, describe feelings and thoughts about this special time.

Communication and language

We will be listening to songs with a repetitive nature, such as 5 currant buns, 12345 once I caught...

Physical

As the weather gets colder we will still be going outdoors, please make sure children have warm clothes that they can get dirty, we will be climbing, running, jumping and splashing in puddles, we will be in the mud kitchen digging and playing with mud and water.

Literacy

We will be finding stories which have a repetitive narrative, we will also be singing repetitive songs In order for children to recognise and remember words – leading to recognising the sound the word starts with.

Mathematics

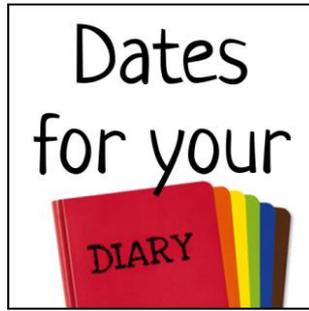
We will look at patterns and shapes in the world around us and see if we can make links between our activities and the things around us, we will use charts, use marks and link them to symbols and numerals.

Understanding the world

We will have a go at growing and looking after cress seeds and encouraging everyone to take pictures on tapestry to show how the tomatoes, carrots, peppermint, change over time.

Expressive arts and design

Over the Christmas period many of our children loved mixing colours and using glitter and glue, we will continue this and give them the opportunity to mix colours and create to music.



February 2019

Thursday 14th - Valentine's Day

Friday 16th - Chinese New Year

March 2019

Tuesday 5th - Pancake Day/Shrove Tuesday

Wednesday 6th - Ash Wednesday

Thursday 7th - World Book Day

Friday 29th - Mother's Day Tea Party

Friday 15th - St Patrick Day

Friday 15th - Sports Relief / Red Nose Day

April

Thursday 18th - Annual Easter egg hunt

Friday 19th - Good Friday (**CLOSED**)

Parent's Evenings during the upcoming year:

(21st March 2019) & (27th June 2019)

Nursery Inset Day 23rd April 2019 (**Nursery Closed for all Children**)

Thank you!

Thank you for taking the time to read this newsletter. As always if you have any questions, please let us know.

Kind regards,

Shirley-Ann, Nicolo, Donna and all the Bright Star Day Nursery team.