

Little Stars Pre-school

Newsletter June 2023

Welcome back to the second half of the Summer Term.

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

If you have Facebook, please follow us as we put up photos and information during the session every day. Follow, Little Stars Pre-school Farlington.

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.

Our Term Dates, Colour of the week, Important Dates For Your Diary and Song of the week can be found at the end of this Newsletter. Please take a look as this is very important information.

This half term we will be talking and learning about, In The Air, In The Sea and On Land, holidays, making our own passports, taking part in floating and sinking activities, making sand pictures, blow painting and stop and go signs. We will also learn about keeping safe in the sun, crossing the road and stranger danger. We have local police officers visiting to talk to the children too. We will be practicing our races for our sports day and look forward to our family picnic afterwards.

In Nursery Narrative we will be looking at, "When" and "What Happened".

In My Happy Mind, we will continue with "Happy Breathing".

COVID19 - Although there is now more relaxation on testing etc we would still encourage you to self-test your child if they are showing any signs or symptoms for COVID19 or generally feeling unwell or if someone at home is testing positive. Our policy is that a negative covid test is needed to ensure we are not putting staff or children at risk of becoming infected with the disease.

Please continue to use the hand sanitiser provided for both you and your child when dropping off and picking up. All of children have their temperature taken first thing and throughout the day and if their temperature is high, you will be asked to come and collect them.

LET'S STAY SAFE AND DO WHAT WE CAN to still prevent contamination!

Can we also ask that when dropping off and picking up your child/children, that you go into the playground and wait for a member of the team to be at the steps to take your child from you at drop off time or handing over to you at the end of their session. Please refrain from waiting on the pathway or coming down the steps. Thank you.

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.

Invoices

Please be reminded that invoices need to be paid promptly to avoid arrears. Invoices need to be paid in full by return, and definitely before the end of each half term, as agreed in your payment policy. Full Payment by the last Wednesday of each half term has always been a gesture of good will from myself to help with spreading the payments, it is not a date for the invoice to be left unpaid until then. Therefore, I am asking that Invoices be paid by return. If you need to pay weekly over the half term, then you will need to agree this with me. I am sorry to have to change this, but it becomes very frustrating and embarrassing to have to chase for fees owing.

Please note that we do not accept cheques at Little Stars Pre-school.

Fees are as follows:

2-3 years - £6.80 per hour

3-4 years - £6.30 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 even if the day/night before.

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), fizzy drinks or ANYTHING containing NUTS in our lunchboxes, that includes peanut butter as we can have children with severe allergies. We 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 all items have their name in. Please provide a named SUN HAT every. Please 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 as we have water play planned that can cause water to get onto clothes, including suitable footwear in their named bag. Please name all belongings including coats, shoes, hats, changing bags and lunch boxes. If your child wears wellington boots to pre-school, please supply a named change of shoes or slippers for us to change them into.

Pre-existing Injuries

It is essential that you let us know when you drop off if your child has a pre-existing injury, this could be a bump, bruise, rash or sore etc. You will need to complete a pre-existing injury form before leaving. If we discover a pre-existing injury after dropping off we will contact you and complete a form that will need to be read and signed on collection.

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	
05/06/23	Beach, Beach, I like the Beach
12/06/23	I had a tiny turtle
19/06/23	1,2,3,4,5
26/06/23	Old Mcdonald
03/07/23	Twinkle, Twinkle Traffic Light
10/07/23	I'm A Little Star
17/07/23	If You're Happy and You Know It

Colour of the week

05/06/20	Favourite
12/06/23	White
19/06/23	Blue
26/06/23	Yellow
03/07/23	Green
10/07/23	Red
17/07/23	Favourite

Colour of the week is something we use within pre-school to learn our colours and we are re-introducing "Bring an item into Pre-school. We haven't been able to do this for a long time due to COVID but we feel it is time to bring it back.

Teachers will ensure that items are safe and clean. Please encourage your child to find an item that coincides with "The Colour of the Week" above and bring it into Pre-school so we can talk about colours and show and tell. The children also make playdough on a Monday to coincide with this each week.

IMPORTANT DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Monday 12th June - A visit from local police

Thursday 6th July - Trip to Wonder in Havant.

Thursday 13th July - Sports Day and Picnic Lunch (Details to follow shortly)

Friday 21st July - Party and Graduation Ceremony (Details to follow shortly)

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HALF TERM

Monday 29th May - Friday 2nd June

2nd Half Summer Term 2023

Monday 5th June - Friday 21st July