

Little Stars Pre-school

Newsletter June 2022

Hi.....Welcome to the 2nd 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!!

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.

We would like to welcome Aimee to our team. Aimee will be with us along with Anita and Rachael until the end of the Summer Term.

This half term we will be looking at "Holiday's", how we move and practicing our races for Sports Day. We will be talking about keeping safe in the sun, stranger danger and road safety. Our children moving up to the Infants in September will be looking at transition and talking about their new schools.

Activities will include, ice painting, making rainbow fish, paper aeroplanes, floating and sinking and using our fine motor skills.

Dates to remember

Sports Day - This will take place (weather permitting) Friday 24th June at 11.30am and a picnic lunch at 12noon.

If your child doesn't normally attend on a Friday, please bring them in at 11.20am. We will have a picnic lunch between 12-1pm and hope you will stay for that. Pre-school afternoon session will resume at 1pm-3/3.30pm.

End of Term Party and Graduation - Our end of term party and Graduation will be on our last day, Friday 22nd July. If your child doesn't normally attend, please bring them in at 11.40am for the party and if they are not Graduating, please collect them at 3pm. Parents of the children Graduating, please return at 2.30pm for our Graduation ceremony.

In the meantime, if you would like to make a donation to go towards our party food, please give to Julia when dropping your child off. Every little helps....and thank you in advance.

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. **Please use the hand sanitiser provided for both you and your child when dropping off and picking up. Please remove your child's gloves and ensure hands are sanitised before coming into pre-school. All 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!!

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 from 25th April Invoices be paid by return. If you would 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 - £6.25 per hour

3-4 years - £5.75 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 like to 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 it has their name in. Can you ensure that names are added to all clothing including sun hats. Please ensure that your child is dressed ready for the day with adequate changes of clothing as we have a lot of water play and ice paining activities 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.

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

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 | |
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| 06/06/22 | Beach, Beach I like the beach |
| 13/06/22 | Two Little Dickie Birds |
| 20/06/22 | Row, Row, Row your boat |
| 27/06/22 | The Grand Old Duke of York |
| 04/07/22 | Twinkle, Twinkle Traffic Light |
| 11/07/22 | Head Shoulders Knees and Toes |
| 18/07/22 | I'm a Little Star |

Colour of the week

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| 06/06/22 | Pink |
| 13/06/22 | Light Blue |
| 20/06/22 | Dark Blue |
| 27/06/22 | Dark Green |
| 04/07/22 | Neon |
| 11/07/22 | Silver |
| 18/07/22 | Favourite |

Colour of the week is normally to encourage the children to bring in something from home that can be talked about in a large group (show and tell). Unfortunately, we cannot have the children bringing in items from home, so we will cover colour of the week in pre-school. We do ask that you encourage your child to do this activity at home and take a photo and send it in so we can print it and add it to their "Special Book"

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Term Dates June 2022 - July 2022

2nd Half Summer Term 2021

Monday 6th June - Friday 22nd July