

Little Stars Pre-school

Newsletter September 2020

Pre-school re-opens Thursday 3rd September 2020.

Welcome back!!!!

We hope you had a lovely Summer Break and stayed safe.

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.

Our topic this half term will be "Awesome Me". We will be talking about ourselves and our families, why we are special, our senses, our pets, our favourite foods, snacks and lunchboxes and our Birthdays. We will be making listening ears and going for listening walks around the pre-school, inside and outside, having listening moments. We will be fruit and vegetable printing and making sandwiches and practicing our fine motor skills, threading, using scissors and giant tweezers. You can keep up to date on our daily activities by following us on our Facebook page.

COVID19

Guidance has not changed, so we will still be asking parents to drop off and pick up outside. Please use the hand sanitiser provided when dropping off and picking up.

Extended Hours

We offer breakfast club 8am-9am for We are parents/carers that may need that extra childcare. If this is something you would like to take up, then please talk to Julia or Jo or drop us an e-mail. If you know of anyone that this might help, then please pass on our details.

Proud Cloud

We have many proud moments to celebrate. The idea is that teachers, parents, carers and relatives will use sticky notes to express a proud moment or event ie: helping at home, being kind to others, learning a new skill and good listening. Due to the current COVID19 guidelines we are unable to use this in our normal way with the post it notes

but please write your own and hand them to us when you drop off. It is a lovely talking moment and the children are very proud when they have them.

Invoices

Please be reminded that invoices need to be paid promptly to avoid arrears. **Invoices need to be paid in full before the end of each half term (by the Wednesday) as agreed in your payment policy.** There is also the option to pay by Direct Debit or Bank transfer (see details on invoices) **Please note that Cheques are no longer accepted at Little Stars Pre-school.**

Fees are as follows:

2-3 years - £5.25 per hour

3-4 years - £4.75 per hour

Extra sessions and lunches are to be paid on the day attending.

We have previously experienced 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, this results in us having to chase for payments and that can be a little embarrassing as well as worrying. Please ensure these payments are made promptly.

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 or fizzy drinks in our lunchboxes as we like to promote healthy eating and **GRAPES 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 all in during the morning.

Pre-school Uniform

Our uniform suppliers are My Clothing. Parents can purchase Pre-school uniforms, PE bags, rucksacks and caps by clicking on the "Uniform" link on our website www.littlestarsfarlington.co.uk . Please look as you can help us receive a small donation for pre-school.

Being ready for all weathers

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 and hats. Please ensure that your child is dressed ready for the day with adequate changes of clothing, including a coat with a hood and suitable footwear in their named bag. If your child wears wellies to pre-school, please ensure they have a change of footwear for indoors. We will put wellies on for outside activities. Please name all belongings including coats, shoes, hats, changing bags and lunch boxes.

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, then please speak to your child's key person who will get the words for you.

Week beginning	
3/9/20 & 7/9/20	Here we go round the Mulberry Bush
14/9/20	Hey Diddle Diddle
21/09/20	Head, Shoulders, Knees and Toes
28/09/20	I'm a Little Star
5/10/20	Old Macdonald had a farm
12/10/20	5 Little Ducks
19/10/20	5 Currant Buns

Colour of the week.

The colour of the week is to encourage the children to normally bring something from home that can be talked about in a large group (show and tell). Due to current guidelines we are unable to allow this. We will be organising activities within the setting to encourage colour work. Please send in pictures from home of you also encouraging this each week. It is lovely to receive pictures that we can add to the children's Special Books and is another really good talking point too!!

3/09/20 & 7/09/20	Favourite
14/09/20	Blue
21/09/20	Yellow
28/09/20	Green
5/10/20	Red
12/10/20	Purple
19/10/20	Favourite

Little Stars Pre-school

Term Dates September 2020- July 2021

1st Half Autumn Term 2020

Thursday 3rd September - Friday 23rd October

HALF TERM

Monday 26th October - Friday 30th October

2nd Half Autumn Term 2020

Monday 2nd November - Friday 18th December

CHRISTMAS HOLIDAYS

Monday 21st December - Friday 1st January

1st Half Spring Term 2021

Monday 4th January - Friday 12th February

HALF TERM

Monday 15th February - Friday 19th February

2nd Half Spring Term 2021

Monday 22nd February - Thursday 1st April

EASTER HOLIDAYS

Friday 2nd April - Friday 16th April

1st Half Summer Term 2021

Monday 19th April - Friday 28th May

BANK HOLIDAY - Monday 3rd MAY (CLOSED)

HALF TERM

Monday 31st May - Friday 4th June

2nd Half Summer Term 2021

Monday 7th June - Friday 16th July