

Little Stars Pre-school

Newsletter January 2022

We hope you have a lovely Christmas.

Hi.....Welcome to the 1st Half of the Spring Term!!! And a BIG welcome to our new parents and children. We hope you have a lovely Christmas.

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

Just to let you know that all Staff and Students are still Self Testing twice weekly to ensure safety until such time we are told it is no longer required.

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.

This half term we will be looking at "Stories" and "Changes in Seasons". We will be sharing a variety of stories including The 3 Bears, The Gruffalo, The Tiger That Came to Tea, The Ginger Bread Man and Guess How much I Love You. We will look at comparing sizes, measuring length, painting with potatoes, decorating biscuits, noodle painting, use tweezers to enhance our fine motor skills and Chinese New Year where we will make up our own Dragon dances.

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 for both you and your child, when dropping off and picking up, and please wear a facemask. Please remove your child's gloves and ensure hands are sanitised before coming into pre-school. We ask that if anyone in your household has tested positive for COVID or is showing any signs or symptoms of COVID, you need to Lateral Flow Test your child every morning they are due to come into pre-school and send us a picture by text or e-mail before 9am. We will not be able to let your child into pre-school if we do not have this result. 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!!

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 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 we do not accept cheques at Little Stars Pre-school.**

Fees are as follows until April 2022 when they will increase:

2-3 years - £5.75 per hour

3-4 years - £5.25 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 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 hats and gloves. Please ensure that your child is dressed ready for the day with adequate changes of clothing, including a waterproof/warm 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.

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	
06/01 and 10/01/22	Tommy Thumb
17/01/22	Peter Hammers
24/01/22	The Wheels On The Bus

31/01/22	Ten Little Monkeys
07/02/22	Five Currant Buns
14/02/22	If You're Happy and You Know It

Colour of the week

06/01 and 10/01/22	Yellow
17/01/22	Red
24/01/22	Brown
31/01/22	Blue
07/02/22	Orange
14/02/22	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 January 2022 - July 2022

1st Half Spring Term 2022

Thursday 6th January - Friday 18th February

HALF TERM

Monday 21st February - Friday 25th February

2nd Half Spring Term 2022

Monday 28th February - Friday 8th April

EASTER HOLIDAYS

Friday 11th April - Friday 22nd April

1st Half Summer Term 2022

Monday 25th April - Friday 27th May

BANK HOLIDAY - Monday 2nd MAY (CLOSED)

HALF TERM

Monday 30th May - Friday 3rd June

2nd Half Summer Term 2021

Monday 6th June - Friday 22nd July