

Little Stars Pre-school

Newsletter January 2025

Happy New Year!! Welcome back to the 1st Half of Spring Term.

Team News

Your Team is Jo, Julia, Angie, Nancy, Emily, Chelsea and Aimee.

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 messages 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.

Please can we ask that the children refrain from wearing jewellery to pre-school, with the exception of stud earrings. We have had a few incidents including necklaces being pulled.

Please ensure that you inform us of any changes in your e-mail address and phone numbers. We communicate, mostly, through e-mail and text now rather than paper and it is essential that we have the correct contact information.

We cannot stress enough how important it is to keep everyone safe from coughs and colds where possible. If your child has a raised temperature or is not feeling their normal self, please keep them home until they are feeling better. We know this can be difficult for working parents, but we cannot stress enough how important it is for the children to be warm and cosy at home to recover and get better to come back to pre-school and be with their friends and teachers.

This half term our topic will be "Healthy Heroes". We will be taking part in role play as Doctors and nurses, becoming Dentists, making pictures with our finger prints and

become heroes saving ourselves from the evil pea. We will also celebrate Chinese New Year and take part in Dragon Dancing, making Lanterns and trying noodles at snack time. We will end this half term thinking about special people in our lives and making cards for them.

We will be using our Nursery Narrative programme with the children starting school next September and continuing with Jolly Phonics.

Nursery Narrative

06/01/25	Familiar Book Characters
13/01/25	Farm Animals
20/01/25	People Who Help Us
27/01/25	Wild Animals
03/02/25	Mini Beasts

Jolly Phonics

Each week we follow the Jolly Phonics programme.

06/01/25	U
13/01/25	I
20/01/25	F
27/01/25	B
03/02/25	J
10/02/25	Z

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 - £7.00 per hour

3-4 years - £6.80 per hour

Fees will increase in April. Amount to be confirmed.

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, chocolate bars etc, 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

Please ensure your child has suitable clothing for both inside and outside with them in a named bag and all items have their name in. The hall can be quite cold in the mornings until we come in and turn up the radiators. Please ensure that your child is dressed ready for the day with adequate changes of clothing 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.

Week beginning	
06/01/25	Miss Polly Had A Dolly
13/01/25	Here we go round the Mulberry Bush
20/01/25	The Wheels on the bus
27/01/25	5 Little Fire Fighters
03/02/25	Pea Soup
10/02/25	See the Little Engines

Colour of the week

06/01/25	Green
13/01/25	White
20/01/25	Blue
27/01/25	Red
03/02/25	Brown
10/02/25	Pink

Colour of the week is something we use, within pre-school, to learn our colours and encourage the children to "Bring an item into Pre-school". Please ensure that any items are clean and have the colour of the week on them. The Teachers will ensure that all items are kept safe. 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.

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1st Half Spring Term 2025

Monday 6th January - Friday 14th February

HALF TERM

Monday 17th February - Friday 21st February

2nd Half Spring Term 2025

Monday 24th February - Friday 4th April 2025

EASTER HOLIDAYS

Monday 7th April - Monday 21st April

1st Half Summer Term 2025

Tuesday 22nd April - Friday 23rd May

BANK HOLIDAY - Monday 5th MAY (CLOSED)

HALF TERM

Monday 26th May - Friday 30th May

2nd Half Summer Term 2025

Monday 2nd June - Friday 18th July