Little Stars Pre-school
Newsletter
2nd Half Autumn Term 2026

Welcome back to the 2nd Half of the Autumn Term.

We hope you have had a lovely half term and are ready to tell us all about your activities and adventures!!

Staff News

We would like to Welcome Lexy to the Team. Lexy is our new Apprentice studying her Level 3 in Early Years Childcare. Lexy is Red Groups Kep Person and if you haven't yet met her I'm sure you will this Half Term.

If you have Facebook - please follow us. 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, except for stud earrings. We have had a few incidents including necklaces being pulled and broken as well as being a choking hazard!!

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, rather than paper, and it is essential that we have the correct contact information.

The weather is changing all of the time at the moment, please ensure that your child has a change of clothes and suitable shoes in their bag, every day.

We cannot stress enough how important it is to keep everyone safe from coughs, colds and infectious disease, 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. Can we remind you that if your child is sick or/and has an upset tummy, you must not bring them into pre-school until 48 hours after their last episode. This is so important, as we need to ensure that the children and Team are safe from catching any bugs!!

This half term our topic will be Learning about celebrations and customs. We will look at Firework Safety & Bonfire Night, Remembrance Day, Children in Need, Festivals around the world and Christmas. Our activities will include painting firework pictures, a bear collage, making poppies, exploring gloop, practising using scissors to make decorations and cards. We will be using our fine motor skills to put out imaginary fires by using squirty water resources. The week beginning 09.11.26, we can wear PJ's all week to show support for Children in Need.

Please take the time to look at our notice boards. Our Notice Boards contain important information that is very informative.

Please continue to use the hand sanitiser provided for both you and your child when dropping off and picking up. All children have their temperature taken first thing and throughout the day, 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 Aimee 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 if you are issued an invoice, it must 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: (Price Increase will be April 2027)

2-3 years - £7.50 per hour

3-4 years – £7.30 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, chocolate bars etc, fizzy drinks **or ANYTHING containing NUTS** in our lunchboxes, that includes peanut butter as we can have children and staff 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. **We DO NOT heat any food for the children.**

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. Autumn is here and the hall can be quite cold in the mornings until we come in and turn up the radiators when needed. Please ensure that your child is dressed ready for the day with adequate changes of clothing, including suitable footwear. 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. We are experiencing a lot of pre-existing injuries that we are not told about. 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.

If your child has an inhaler, please ensure that you speak to a member of the team so that a medication form can be completed. We cannot administer inhalers without a medication form that contains instructions and permissions. We have come across inhalers in children's bags that we know nothing about.

Dates for your Diary

18th December – Our Christmas Performance and Party – All of the children are invited to take part in our performance and Christmas Party. If your child doesn't normally attend pre-school on a Friday, please bring them in at 12 noon. If your child is only in on a Friday morning, they are invited to stay until 3pm. We ask that the children wear a Christmas jumper/dress this day. **NO LUNCH BOXES ARE REQUIRED THIS DAY.** We will be having a Christmas Party and ask for a £3 cash donation, per child, to help towards the cost of the party food. Please give this to one of the team.
2 Parents/Carers, of each child, are invited to come in at 2.30pm to watch our Christmas Performance.

Song of the week

Please encourage your child to sing our weekly song at home with family and friends.

Week beginning	
02/11	Twinkle Twinkle Little Star
09/11	Baa Baa Black Sheep
16/11	Five Little Men in a Flying Saucer
23/11	Wind the Bobbin up
30/11	Christmas songs ……
07/12	These will follow
14/12	Shortly

Week Beginning	Jolly Phonics
02/11	C/K
09/11	E
16/11	H
23/11	R
30/11	M
07/12	D
14/12	Review

Week Beginning	Colour
02/11/26	Neon
09/11/26	Red
16/11/26	Black
23/11/26	Green
30/11/26	Silver
07/12/26	Gold

14/11/26	Favourite

Colour of the Week

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.

Nursery Narrative will start in January 2027

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Term Dates September 2026 – July 2027

2nd Half Autumn Term 2026

Monday 2nd November – Friday 18th December

CHRISTMAS HOLIDAYS

Monday 21st December – Friday 1st January

1st Half Spring Term 2027

Monday 4th January – Friday 12th February

HALF TERM

Monday 15th February – Friday 19th February

2nd Half Spring Term 2027

Monday 22nd February – Thursday 25th March

EASTER HOLIDAYS

Friday 26th March – Friday 9th April

1st Half Summer Term 2027

Monday 12th April – Friday 28th May

BANK HOLIDAY – Monday 3rd MAY (CLOSED)

HALF TERM

Monday 31st May – Friday 4th June

2nd Half Summer Term 2027

Monday 7th June – Friday 16th July