



LITTLE STARS NEWSLETTER - 103



Wednesday 4th September 2024

Through to Friday

25th October 2024

Hopefully, we have an exciting year ahead and have a lot of fun events planned. More details to follow.

We very much look forward to and welcoming all new and old parents with their children to nursery and hope you will enjoy your time with us.

We are promoting colours so if your child can bring in any named item to match the colour of the week (they will receive a smiley face) and this will go on our display table and returned at the end of the week.

This term our art theme is **“Colours”**

<u>Theme</u>	<u>Week</u>	<u>Skills</u>
Free art	1	Colouring, sticking, painting
Rainbow	2	Sticking
Christmas Cards for Printers	3	Sticking, painting etc
Red - Fire Engine	4	Sponging
Blue - Boat Dashain	5	Painting with a cotton bud Colouring
Yellow - Car Yom Kippur	6	Spraying Colouring
Green - Tractor	7	Colouring
All Colours - Mixing	8	Painting

Bike days (Weather permitting). These days are a chance for children to bring in their own bike, scooter or pram.

This is a good activity for the children to share their own toys and show off their bikes

Monday	- 9th September.
Tuesday	- 17th September.
Wednesday	- 25th September.
Thursday	- 3rd October
Friday	- 18th October.



SOME DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Date	Event
Wednesday 4 th September	<i>Return to nursery.</i>
Week commencing Monday 16 th September.	<i>Making Christmas cards for fundraising</i>
Friday 11 th October	<i>Yom Kippur</i>
Thursday 26 th September	<i>Open house welcome day. WellComm presentation.</i>
Monday 7 th October	<i>Little Urchins see below.</i>
Thursday 3 rd October	<i>Dashian (Hindu)</i>
Friday 25 th October.	<i>Last day of term</i>
Monday 4 th November	<i>Return to nursery.</i>
Tuesday 5 th November	<i>Fireworks</i>
Friday 8 th November	<i>Remembrance day.</i>
Thursday 14 th Nov p.m. / Friday 15 th Nov a.m.	<i>Children in Need</i>
Friday 15 th November	<i>Birth of Guru Nanak (Sikhism)</i>
Thursday 5 th December	<i>Open day</i>
Tuesday 17 th December.	<i>Xmas party</i>
Wednesday 18 th December.	<i>Last day of term</i>

Health & safety

Please can parents ensure that no food or snacks containing nuts are to be brought into nursery. Not only do we have a staff member with a high-level allergy, but some children too are also allergic to them.

We thank you in advance for your consideration to this matter.

Collecting.

We would appreciate donations of any old toys or jigsaw together with old wellington boots for our garden area.

Any garden equipment and or plants would be very much appreciated.

Should we receive duplicated items we will be passing these onto charity.

Toileting rucksacks.

Please can your child only bring in a rucksack (MUST BE NAMED) if they need changing or are in nappies / pull-ups – please ensure you put spare ones in their bags. Please could your child come into nursery in a clean nappy as although we are more than happy to change them once they are settled.

If your child is currently out of nappies, to help them go more independently can you please put them in clothing that they can easily undo themselves.

Please note we will always have spare clothes in the event of an accident.

Contact Numbers. / Email addresses

Please let us know if you change any of your contact numbers or email address. It is vital that these numbers are kept up to date in case we need to contact you while your child is in our care.

In the event that we have to close nursery, or you suspect we might be (normally due to adverse weather conditions or a lockdown scenario) please refer to my emails.

Welcome day Thursday 26th September from 9:00 -11:00 a.m & 12:30 to 2:00 p.m.

This provides parents the opportunity to meet their child's key person and to see how they are progressing and settling in. This also gives you time to meet all the staff.

Refreshments and cakes will be available for a donation (all funds raised go towards Children In Need). If is not your child's session you are more than welcome to join us or if unavailable on this day contact us to arrange a different day.

In the morning, a presentation by Bexley borough on WellComm will take place. Please see attached letter to our email. All children will be enrolled into this program.

GT Sports will also give a taster session so parents can see what they do.

Children in Need Fundraising. –

Thursday 14th November / Friday 15th November (a.m.)

Each year we nominate a charity, this year it will be "Children in Need" sessions and children are invited to and can dress up in clean pyjamas if they wish to.

A charge of £1.00 per entry will be applied; all monies raised will go to the charity.

They will also be making "Pudsey" biscuits and other related activities. More details to follow nearer the time.

GT Sport

GT Sport will come into nursery to provide fitness football fun sessions, outside only, and initially they will be providing taster sessions commencing 2nd week back.

Further information on this will be given out in the new term. The cost for this will be £20 for a 5 week session.

Fundraising.

Our fundraising for this year is “Design a Christmas Card project”. This will all be carried out in nursery week commencing Monday 16th September.

Last day to order is Tuesday 8th October.

Your child’s card will be available for you to see the week after and at the door or at our welcome day, an order form will be given out if you should wish to purchase any of these.



Sun Cream

Whilst we do provide sun cream, it would be very helpful if you could apply sun cream to your child beforehand and make sure that they have a hat with their name on it to wear for added protection.

If the children attend all day, we apply it again after their packed lunch.

Car parking considerations.

Can you please ensure dogs are not brought onto the nursery’s premises and a reminder we operate a non-smoking area both in the car park and hall.

Please be mindful of not parking in the disabled parking bay as we do have some children with us who have special needs.

Whilst we appreciate the issues of parking, please do not double park in the main car park as it is disrespectful to other and dangerous.

Book Club.

The book club will be giving out leaflets, which will be given to every child but you can still order on line. The link is below.

<http://shop.scholastic.co.uk/schools/little-stars-da7>.

Any commission we receive helps us towards our library costs.

Lost property.

We always display lost property items and any property that has not been claimed at the end of the term will either be given to charity or destroyed.

To reduce these please ensure that your children’s clothing have labels with their name on clearly displayed.

Little Urchins –Monday 7th October.

Children will be photographed in their own clothes and their photo will subsequently be superimposed into a Christmas theme. The staff will dress them in all the clothes provided.

Children who attend on these days will be photographed within the session.

Any children who do not usually attend on either of these days are welcome to pop in to have their photos taken. Siblings and families are also welcome. There is no obligation to buy.

Lunchtimes

Attached to this email is our “Healthy eating & Snack policy”. Lunchtimes are from 11:30 to 12:15. Any drop off or collection of children must be at the beginning or end of these times as the children will be eating their lunches.

Consent forms / All about me forms

Can we have these returned to help us with your child's development.

To enable us to apply sun cream we do require our consent form that covers a wide range of topics including medical, signed and with us at the start of term.

New Bexley Funding forms are in effect which requires a parent's signature for every child who is funded when we return in September.

Website

A lot of our information sits on our website should you wish to take a look at it and we have updated some policies, photos etc.

Due to the increase in - Policy & Procedures we can provide you with a hardcopy should you wish to review them. The core ones are available via PDF on our website.

Changes are always ongoing and in line with new practices and or legislation.

Pencil Control

We are updating this area, we have balanced it to include numerous activities to make it more fun, this term it is all around colours (our theme this term).

For example, colour printing using objects, threading pasta, flour with shapes using paint brushes. Older children will still do book work and tracing their names.

Due to a combination of increased numbers of younger children as well more children staying all day, we will be changing how we operate nursery to accommodate this.

Book Bags / Books

Are available to buy for £10. This makes it easier for children to carry out their work and paintings. It also ensures that letters get to you.

If a child has a book bag, they can access our nursery library, by bringing a book home weekly to read with their parents.

This will be changed on a set day, which we will notify you of.

September arrangements.

Boxes will be outside for packed lunches, ruck sacks and book bags.

We will meet your child at the door, will encourage your child to walk in, and we will help them hang up their coats. If needed your child's key person will be there to take them in.

Any new children will be given a name badge in the car park. Please make certain that initially the parent dropping off the child will be picking them up. This will change once we know your family going forwards. A password is given to you for someone else you have designated to collect your child.

If new children are extremely reluctant to enter via the main door on their own, you can come into nursery for a short time to settle your child.

Fees / Government funding

The majority of children are entitled to some form of funding, please refer to myself for guidance and help if required.

We regret that we will have to increase our fees (first time in 3 years) to £7.00 per hour, a result of years on increasing costs.