

# July Newsletter 2023



Dear Parents/Carers,

Welcome to our last newsletter for this academical year. What a busy term we have had and it's been lovely to see so many developing friendships, adjusting to routines and exploring the curriculum that was on offer.

I would like to express a few things and share the following news:

## **Ofsted Inspection**

Little Stars received a '**Good**' report in all areas this May 2023. We are so proud to achieve this.

## **Food Safety Agency – Environmental Health**

We received once again a **5 Star rating** on 13<sup>th</sup> July 2023 and are proud to share this with you all. Our kitchen hygiene, maintenance and food served are well recognised on our premise.

## **Transition to Primary Schools**

Children have been visiting their schools and how exciting is that. Where there is a new start for them it's always a sad end for us. But we are happy for the journey we had all together and that we have been able to support the learning and development at Little Stars. We wish all children the best start in reception class.

## **Staying on at Little Stars Day Nursery**

Children do not have to move into **school nurseries** they can stay with us until you go to Reception class. We are a nursery/pre-school. Parents feel you have to move into a school nursery as it helps for reception class placement or our education is different, it's not. We all follow the same curriculum, The Early Years Foundation Stage, setting standards for learning, development and care for children from birth to five.

Children in our care are placed in much smaller groups than in school nurseries. This, of course, translates into more close attention for each child and individualising approaches to meet each child's needs. Yes, ratios matter and are never compromised at our nursery as you all know very well but we also have those extra pair of hands and staff for the care than school classrooms can provide.

It's well known that toddlers aren't always ready to part with their parents, which is why it's so important they receive adequate support and warmth from teachers. When there are fewer children set across the rooms and in key groups the specialist caring for the group has both the time and energy to provide this.

In school nurseries, as mentioned, classes and groups tend to be much larger than in private care nurseries. They also tend to employ a smaller number of staff, which means there is less time to give each child enough attention, care, and support. This can lead to frustration for both the child and parent. We offer flexibility, 5 hours sessions, lots of fun activities, events, curriculum, free food to 2yr.s funded children, 30 hrs can be flexible to meet your needs as well.

**So, stay at Little Stars, and spread the word to register with us in September 2023 and January 2024.**

## **Graduation – End of year party**

Thank you to every one sending in donations of food and drinks. We all had a lovely day and we hope you all enjoyed the little Graduation pictures, scrolls, pictures and a little party bag for the children. We shall surely miss all those moving to Reception class and the families who have supported us through these unprecedented times.

## **Dropping off /Collecting your child**

Please SHUT the gate both ways, when you enter or exit. Children can escape or run out, so its your responsibility to make sure you close the gate after you.

## **Quickly to mention**

We did not hold an end of term parent evening in July but we sent out end of term reports to children who are staying with us and Transition summary reports to schools. Palwinder attended an event to meet with schools to hand over the reports to discuss the children moving across in September.

## **Gentle reminder**

**Last Day:** Wednesday 19th Nursery Closes for Summer Holidays

**Summer holiday camp:** special holiday prices from 24<sup>th</sup> July

**Nursery Re-opens:** Tuesday 5<sup>th</sup> September

All new children will be staggered in and settled in as per arranged times but children returning, please make sure you have rebooked and confirmed your place and sessions with us for September. Some days and sessions as requested may not be available as we are very busy and already full-on certain days. Some days probably not available or enough uptake as well.

## **Proud to announce**

Little Stars Day Nursery has a **Review Score of 9.9 (9.942) out of 10** based on reviews in the last 2 years. Over all time Little Stars Day Nursery has 29 reviews with an average '**Overall Experience**' of **4.7 out of 5**.



We want to wish everyone a happy holiday and a great journey ahead with whatever you all decide to do this summer and from September.

Stay safe and have an amazing break. We hope to see some of you back. Please put a wonderful word out there for us. Support our small business to thrive and be successful in the community.

Hopefully we shall be bringing a lot more newer things in the new academic year with great topics for the children, Phonics, cursive writing, Literacy and numeracy, creative play, fun with storybooks. Lots of events and celebrations, charity events and hopefully trips and a Prom event.

**Thank you and best wishes to all,**  
**Reena Pharma** (Nursery Manager)

