

March & April 2023 Newsletter

Dear Parents/Carers,

Hope you all had a great half term. We have a 6-week term before our lovely Easter break and hope we get some beautiful weather now.

Well in the meantime we have wonderful topic of Plants, Flowers and Growing in March and in April it will be on Animals for all the ages across the nursery taking place. Lots of fun as usual, busy and buzzing with activities and events this month, so keep a look out for all on window reminders, letters and messages sent on the app.

All rooms have separate activities and learning that takes place. Keypersons/Room leaders will inform more with weekly learning and developments or certain things they may require from you.

Events this month – join in with the fun:

World Book Day Fancy Dress – donate £2 on 1st, 2nd & 3rd

Holi festival of colours dress up colourful on Wed 8th

Red Nose Day Dress in RED - donate £1 on Fri 17th

or you have a choice (red/green)

ST. PATRICK'S DAY – DRESS IN GREEN ON FRI 17th

Mother's Day - Sunday 19th

Open Day – Sat 25th new parents April / September intake

Parents meeting – 27th - 29th calls/face to face (10 min only)

LAST DAY NURSERY – Thursday 30th

Holidays Start - Friday 31st March – 14th April

Message from NHS Public Health regarding GP registrations:

It has come to our attention that there are a large number of children and young people 0-18 that are not signed up to a GP. Anyone in England can register with a GP for free. You don't need proof of address or immigration status, and you don't need ID or an NHS number. Visit the NHS website to register.

New Fees / Prices:

From 1st April 2023 we have the new prices taking effect and they have increased by 5%. We have kept them as steady as we could but this year has been challenging for all. Hourly rate and food charges have not been changed as we have tried to negotiate some support.

Only our 2 years funded children still receive a free meal from us. We do not get reimbursed or any financial support whatsoever for this, but we try to support our families and children with a meal through the day.

Website

If you haven't looked on our website recently, please take a few minutes occasionally to check it out as we have lots of helpful information.

Website link: <https://www.littlestars-daynursery.com/>

Important REMINDER of opening times after every main or half term holiday:

We will continue to re-opening after every holiday/half term at gam starting from this half term and will be amended throughout the contracts for all funding children.

Parent Reminders:

- ★ We are politely asking if you could keep personal toys at home. We understand some children have comfort items please talk to a member of staff in your child's room if you have any questions via the app or in the office.
- ★ When collecting your children please wait outside the front garden area, away from the patio or in the porch area and be patient. It takes time to bring the children out and get them dressed i.e. shoes/coats... etc
- ★ **Finance** - Just to remind you, **all** fees are payable on the 1st of every month, latest by the 3rd before charges are applied - if you have any questions please talk with Reena.
- ★ It is important that all your children's clothes are named. We encourage children to explore and get messy. Sometimes this does include a "splash" of paint and a "dash" of food, a "splash splash" of water and much more. "Our motto at Little Stars is fun, fun, fun!"
- ★ Toilet training – please encourage your child to use the toilet especially when they are turning 3 and please DON'T confuse them. Signs of toileting will only be successful if parents are willing to give 100% and encouraging the skills and we will continue to support. We are not Toilet Trainer experts so PLEASE do not expect just the nursery to do this. If your child is not ready, we will refuse until your child shows signs to start and happy for toilet training.
- ★ If your child is unwell, please do not bring them in. Call by 9.30am to report absence or report on FAMILY app.
- ★ Healthy Packed Lunches VS Unhealthy Packed Lunches – please view separate attachment.
- ★ Hope those moving to school reception class have applied, and you should find out by the end of April-beginning of May of your chosen school.
- ★ We are registering children for September – limited spaces for 2 years funding already – but secure your 3 years places now for September so you do not miss out your chosen days/sessions.

Any questions or support you require please never hesitate to ask or knock on the office door. Drop a message on the app for the staff, or email me in the office.

Kind regards,
Reena