



November and December Newsletter 2021

We hope you have all had a lovely half term break; it is hard to believe that we have already completed our first half term of the academic year. The next half term promises to be a very busy time with lots of opportunities and experiences for the children.

Theme of the month

In November the theme of the month is Festivals/Celebrations. The children have already explored all the aspects of the autumn and natural resources. Together with the teachers they have also discovered many festivals like Diwali, Bonfire Night and Remembrance Day (Poppy Day) as well as Hanukah towards the end of the month.

December the theme is Weather/Seasons.

Crackerjack Charity

We raised £50 so thank you to those who helped with donations.

BBC – Children in Need Charity

We are dressing up all week 15-19th Nov for a good cause and all funds will be going towards the Charity. Together, we can change the lives of the children and young people that need us most. That way, your donations help us to support those experiencing disadvantage throughout the UK.

Don't forget those 'Wow moments'

Please pick up a sheet for WOW moments and fill them in for us and return to the person at the door. Share special moments and learning from home. We look forward to celebrating these with the children at nursery and will file them in their Learning Journey. You will find them at the nursery entrance/patio in the leaflet holder.

Parents Meeting

Finally, we are able to go ahead with parents meeting but due to the number of parents we are still going to restrict to only one parent to attend unfortunately on **Friday 3rd December between 4pm-7.30pm**. We will put up the time slots outside for you to pencil in your names to see your key person in the evening.

Open Day

Please let other family, friends, neighbours and the local community know of our nursery and we have an **Open Day on Saturday 4th between 10-3pm**. Any parent recommending will receive a goodie hamper from the nursery and a free full day session for your child (the family have to enrol for you to qualify).

Notice for parents/carers that use the buggy shed

To free up space in buggy shed, we kindly ask that you please fold down your pushchairs / buggy's from now on. This will make it easier for you and other parents to put in and take out your pushchair each day.

We welcome 2 students from Richmond college this whole academical year until June 2022. They are studying level 3 Technical Diploma in Childcare and Education. Both will be completing 2 full days each per week term time only. We welcome them and welcome Partnership working with our local College in supporting younger students to build a career in childcare.

Dropping off / collecting your child

If a different adult is collecting your child, **please inform Management Team** or the person collecting your child from the front door on the day of drop off. **Please provide a photo if possible and an email is good with their name and photo.** The adult collecting your child **MUST** have your **child's password and a photo ID on them.**

Absences

If your child is unable to attend nursery for any reason, for example, if your child is unwell or simply staying home for the day tell us. If your child has a cough, cold, runny nose, fever, vomiting or diarrhoea, **PLEASE DO NOT BRING THEM IN.** We will return you back home as you are not being fair to staff and other children and again this is negligence. Please can you ensure that you call us **0208 894 2590** or send us an email to: manager@littlestars-daynursery.com

Please do not ask for compensating days if you are off on sickness or on holiday. Its all in the T&C's.

Toilet Training reminder

Being toilet trained is a skill that children need to develop independence, self-esteem and confidence to thrive at school. Ofsted guidelines state that 'Every child should be able to go to the toilet independently by the age of five.'

Children should be able to use the toilet on their own. This includes pulling up and down their pants/trousers/skirts/tights, wiping themselves, flushing toilet and washing/drying their hands. Please help them become independent at home so we can support them at nursery.

Is your child registered with a Dentist?

It is really important that you register your child with a dentist from as early as possible. During these present times, dentists are very busy but still offering appointments.

However, you can support your child by encouraging and supporting them to clean their teeth properly. Also consider how much sugar is in the foods and drinks that you are feeding your child. If you need any help or support, please talk to one of our team. We have teeth cleaning reward charts and lots of resources which we can share with your child at nursery or lend if required.

We will be inviting in a parent, the well-known Dr Dhiraj Arora graduated from Guy's, King's and St Thomas' Dental Institute, completing his Bachelor of Dental Surgery in 2007.

In 2009, he went on to complete his postgraduate examinations and gain The Diploma of Membership of the Joint Dental Faculties at The Royal College of Surgeons of England.

Following his passion in endodontics, Dhiraj completed his Masters in Endodontic Practice at Barts and The Royal London. His postgraduate training has equipped him with the latest knowledge and skills required to provide high quality, evidence-based endodontic treatment in practice. He is a current member of the British Endodontic Society and the European Society of Endodontology. Dhiraj's primary research interest is in the use of CBCT and digital imaging in Endodontics.

The most favoured aspects of his career are helping patients and educating other dental practitioners. His keen interest in teaching led him to gain a Postgraduate Certificate in Dental Education from Oxford Brookes University.

an Honorary Lecturer in Endodontics (QMUL) allows him to combine his enthusiasm for Endodontic treatment and teaching.

We are honoured to have Dr Dhiraj Arora to be speaking to staff and demonstrating on Oral Hygiene at the nursery once every term for all the children. We will let you now when this takes place.

Contact us if you have any concerns, ideas or complaints

If you have any concerns, ideas or complaints please contact me via email, telephone, or ask to talk to me: [0208 894 2590](tel:02088942590) or manager@littlestars-daynursery.com

Changes to sessions

Informing that all morning 3 hr sessions will be scrapped from January 2022 (9-12pm) slots. This wasn't a popular session and we are losing valid learning hours that some other family could benefit from. Please speak to us if you are affected and would like to look at your options. We are here to help and support you.

Important dates to remember for the diary

- **15th - 19th Nov** – BBC Children in Need/Fancy Dress
- **3rd Dec** – Parents meeting (4pm – 7.30pm) only one parent to attend
- **6th – 10th Dec** – Christmas Jumper Week
- **14th & 16th Dec** – Christmas Party (food & drink donations please)
- **15th Dec** – Christmas Dinner for all children
- **17th Dec** – Nursery Closed INSET Day
- **20th Dec – 3rd Jan 2022** – Christmas Holidays
- **4th Jan 2022** – Return back as normal



Christmas Week

We will only be **open 21st, 22nd and 23rd Dec**. Due to lack of children our Mondays and Fridays, we have opted to remain closed during the holidays. Please speak to Reena if you have any queries. We hope that everyone has a pleasant Christmas and stay safe during this time.

Any questions please speak to Management team, call on 0208 894 - 2590 or email manager@littlestars-daynursery.com

Little Stars Day Nursery team would like to wish all the children and families a very Merry Christmas and hope that 2022 brings us health and wealth for all.

Kind regards

Reena Pharma

(Nursery Manager)