

April – May 2021 Newsletter

Dear Parents/Carers,

Welcome to the Summer term at Little Stars Day Nursery. We hope the children will enjoy a fun filled term and are ready to undertake a wide variety of fun and educational activities.

Some parents are unaware our education and curriculum are the same as school nurseries. As part of the EYFS we focus on seven main areas of learning, which are: - Prime Areas Personal, Social and Emotional Development Physical Development Communication and Language Specific Areas Literacy Mathematics Understanding the World Expressive Arts and Design.

A useful website for parents/carers is 'what to expect, when (EYFS)' www.foundationyears.org.uk If you would like to learn Jolly Phonics songs and join in with the actions with your child you can find them on You Tube (just put Jolly Phonics songs in the search bar).

Please read the attached [THE DIFFERENCE BETWEEN A NURSERY SCHOOL AND A DAY NURSERY](#), as every year we see a lot of parents move on to schools when children turn 3 years old.

Your Child's Key Person

Each child is allocated a Key Person, this is the person who works closely with your child and monitors their development. It is vital that EVERY parent/carer is aware who their child's Key Person is and that you have good communication with them. If you are unaware who your child's Key Person is, please ask the Manager via email or call.

End of last term you would have received your child's Report, if you haven't, please contact the Manager, she will ask the key person to hand it over to you. Any questions please do speak to us.

Planning/First Steps Application

We actively aim to encourage parents/carers to be involved with their child's progress, it is very important that we have strong links between home and nursery. As many of you may know we use 'First Steps' as part of our way of recording the children's developmental records. This has been very successful so far and we have received lots of positive feedback from both parents/carers and our staff. The benefits of using First Steps include:

- Enables parents /carers to see photos and observations of your child's learning and experiences
- Share your child's at-home learning activities with us by putting comments on the 'Parents Observations' section
- Access your accounts/invoices
- All you need is your email when you first registered with us and its your child's First Name with the first capital letter followed by the day of birth.

If you haven't set up, please ask someone from the team to help you.

Facebook

If you have a Facebook account, it is advisable to follow us as we regularly put updates on our page relating to activities and events that are taking place within the nursery.

Facebook link:

www.facebook.com/LittlestarsdaynurseryLTD

www.facebook.com/Little-Stars-in-Hanworth

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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/>

Staff

I would like to take this opportunity to let everyone know that **Palwinder Judge** is our newly appointed Deputy Manager since January. She is also the Pre-school leader and has been with our company for 7 years.

We also have a new Third in Charge **Kulwinder Gill** who also is Toddler room leader and has also been with the company for 6 years.

Food/Healthy Snacks

NO NUTS OR PRODUCTS THAT CONTAIN TRACES OF NUTS allowed at the nursery due to severe allergies we have and can be fatal.

As you are aware, each child is required to bring in their own healthy snack each session. May we please stress the emphasis on 'HEALTHY'

Items for a healthy snack could include: -

Fruit /vegetables (prepared please)

PLEASE ENSURE ALL GRAPES ARE CUT IN HALF LENGTH WAYS

Raisins

Cereal bars

Yoghurts

Crackers etc

Please ensure all snacks/containers/lunchboxes are clearly named

Lunches – NO NUTS OR PRODUCTS THAT CONTAIN TRACES OF NUTS

If your child stays over the lunchtime period, could we please ask that you also provide a healthy lunch.

We would like to mention a few safety points relating to the well-being of your children

- 1 – If you wish for your child to go home with anyone else, please call the manager and tell us their name, who they are, a photo of them and remind them of the password that is on your form and a valid ID must be brought in with them.
- 2 – Please ensure that the gate is closed securely behind you at ALL times when entering and leaving the premises. Some parents are leaving the nursery from time to time and actually leaving the doors/gates open!!!
- 3 – Please do not answer the nursery doors to anyone even if you know them. If the bell rings, please alert a member of staff.
- 4 – Please do not allow your child to run ahead of you whilst leaving the premises. Once we have handed your child to you, they are not our responsibility even if you are still on the premises.
- 5 – Please do not leave children unattended in cars whilst dropping off to us. It goes without saying that the possible consequences could be serious.
- 6 – It is vitally important that you update your contact details every time they change so that we

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have good communication in emergency situations. Please ensure you ask your child's room leader for a change of information form whenever your details change or pick one from the entrance table.

7 – Please DO NOT allow your child/ren to use the frame in the front garden area.

8 – Due to several children attending who have nut allergies, could we please ask that you carefully check your child does not bring any nuts or food with nut traces to nursery with them. Could you also please ensure that if they have eaten nuts prior to them coming to nursery, you wash their hands and face thoroughly before bringing them in.

9 – Please do not take photographs or use any type of recording devices in the nursery or within its grounds without prior permission from a member of staff.

Our sickness policy

Please do not send your child to nursery if they are unwell as it puts other group members at risk of catching an infection. If your child is not well enough to participate in their daily activities, they should not attend nursery that day. If a child has had diarrhoea or sickness, please do not send them to school for 72 hours (3 days) since their last attack /symptom. Please contact us via telephone or email if your child is absent due to being unwell, so that we are aware of any illnesses going around.

If your child, or anyone within your family has any Covid – 19 related symptoms, they must not attend nursery until they/you have received a negative test result. If you are still unsure of what to do if you suspect your child or someone, they have been in contact with may have Covid – 19, please seek advice from a member of the management team, by telephoning 0208 894 2590.

SENDco information

Reena is our SENDco (Special Educational Needs + Disability Co-ordinator). If you have any concerns relating to your child please speak to Reena or Neha (Deputy SENDco).

Sunscreen, sunhats and water bottles

Hopefully the weather will start warming up soon! when it does, could you please ensure that your child brings a sunhat to nursery each session and that you apply a factor 50, waterproof sunscreen to your child prior to them coming to each session. If your child attends for a full day, could you please provide a bottle of sunscreen which must be kept at school. We will then reapply sunscreen prior to your child going out after lunchtime. Please also ensure that if you send your child to nursery with a water bottle each session and that you take it home again at the end of the session/day. Please note, the children's water bottles must only contain water and NOT juice. Please ensure ALL items are CLEARLY named

Suitable Footwear and Clothing

Could we please ask that your child wears closed toed shoes to nursery, (both in and outdoors) Sandals/Open toed shoes/Laces are **NOT permitted**. No belts, dungarees, and over complicated clothes as we want children to learn how to be independent and self-help skills.

Parking

A humble reminder please do not park on neighbouring driveways. We have one nursery parking spot for drop offs and pickups. It is illegal to obstruct anyone's driveway purposely. Please use the side roads to park.

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Photographer

Further information relating to photographs will be given out shortly, but save the date **Tuesday 18th May** in your diaries. If all being well, and as long as the Covid – 19 situation permits us too, we will plan to have this event however this may be subject to change depending on government guidance at any given time.

Open Days

All parents/carers and visitors are welcome to come in to have a look around and meet the staff and register their child for the new term in September.

Please put the word out for us: **Saturday 22nd May & Saturday 10th July 2021 from 10am to 4pm.**

Covid – 19

What a crazy year it has been with the Covid – 19 situations! Things seem to finally be settling down a bit and we can hopefully look forward to getting back to a more normal way of living (whatever that may be now)! We would like to take this opportunity to thank you all for all of your efforts in keeping the children and staff within Little Stars Day Nursery family safe.

I want to say thank you to everybody how have shown so much flexibility with work, sessions and hours at the nursery. I sincerely appreciate from the bottom of my heart; we have all worked together and will continue to do so. We will monitor up until half term and keep all safety protocols in place and 5pm finish until further notice.

Free First Aid Course

If any parent would like to do a FREE Paediatric First Aid (Refresher) online course please let me know. We have a free giveaway from our Training Provider **Noodle Now**. Let me know so I can set you up online and you can see how valuable and easy it is to follow.

Important dates to remember: (we will remind you again nearer the time)

- **Photographer** – Tuesday 18th May
- **Open Day** – Saturday 22nd May @10am-4pm
- **Half Term** – 31st May – 4th June
- **Inset Day** – Friday 2nd July
- **Teddy Bears Picnic** – Thursday 8th July
- **Open Day** – Saturday 10th July @10am-4pm
- **Parents Meeting** – Wednesday 14th July @6pm-9pm
- **Graduation/End of Term Party** – Thursday 15th July
- **Last day of term** – Thursday 22nd July

Any questions, please speak to Reena, Palwinder or Kulwinder, thank you. We are here to help and support you. Our nursery is committed to safeguarding and promoting the welfare of children, young people and adults at all times and expects everybody working within this setting to share this commitment.

With regards, **Reena Pharma**