



Little Stars Newsletter April / May 2018.

Open day / summer fun day

This year we will be having our Open Day/ Summer Fun day on Saturday 16th June between 10am-4pm. If you know anyone who will be looking for a space from September 2017 or after this, please do invite them along! We have availability!

As current parents there will loads of fun and games!

BBQ food! Face Painting, cake making, dancing, Raffles.....Brilliant day to spend with your children at nursery and get to know their friends and families!

Unconfirmed attendance from Richmond upon Thames mayor! fingers crossed (we will know in 2 weeks!)

Concept photography

We will be having individual photographs taken of the children on Thursday 10th May between 9am and 11am. If you would like your child to have their photo with a sibling please speak to us. If your child is not in on that day then you are welcome to book a time.

Please let staff know if your child requires a change for photos.

New Additions

Dear Parents and Carers, we are very excited to announce that we will have a new addition to Little stars We have arranged some nursery pets!

We have 2 wonderful guinea pigs to come to live with us! The Guinea Pig's will have an outside hutch as well as a run to spend time out on the grass area.

A form will be attached to the email/letter for all parents.

Menus

As we come into spring/summer

We will now have a menu change.

These menu's will be shown on our parent notice board between the front doors,

We have tried to include a variety to suit all cultures and dietary needs.

Lost Property

We have a lost property box within the lobby area; please check to see if any items belong to your child. It is rather full as of late.

What's happening in the community?

Crafty Tales (Heathfield children's centre) 8th/15th/22nd may 2018

1.15pm to 1.45pm

come and join us for music classes that introduce your child to music and dance from around the world.

For babies 0-12 months

Please phone 020 8734 3405 from 10.00am to book your place on the day

Age 0-1yrs

Baby Massage (Heathfield) 8th/15th /22nd May 2018

10am to 11am

Perfect for bonding with your baby, learning techniques to encourage sleep, support, digestion and manage colic etc.

Please phone 020 8734 3405

Stay & Play (Heathfield/Fri) 4th/11th/18th May 2018

9.30am to 11.30am

Planned sessions run by Children Centre staff to encourage children to learn through play, stories and singing, supported by their carers. In this Stay and Play sessions your local NHS Speech and Language Assistant will be available to answer your questions on your child's speech, language & communication skills.

Please phone 020 8734 3405

Details update

Could all parents ensure you update your Contact Details.

It is really important for **Parents/Carers** to keep us up to date with their current **contact details**. Occasions can arise when we might need to **contact** you urgently during the school day regarding your child

Thankyou in advance

School Leavers

It is that time of year when you will be finding out your child's school placement. There will be a list on the Office Door could you please add your child's school next to their name so we can send the school relevant information and so you can see who else will be attending your child's school!

Just a reminder that we will need **4 weeks' notice** of their last date with us. Also, can we remind those of you who pay by voucher payments to ensure your vouchers have stopped the month your child leaves (credit of voucher payments cannot be refunded so please ensure they are stopped in time) If you have a younger sibling with us the voucher payments can be transferred between accounts if you wish. Please let us know if this is something you want to do.

School leavers Party!!

Can you believe it's nearly time for our oldest Children to go to big School! To celebrate their time with us we will be holding their Pre School Leaver's Prom on Friday 27th July between 2.30-5.00pm. All children going to School are invited to this special event! (If your child attends this Friday PM and are not going to school a member of staff will speak to you to as soon as possible to discuss arrangements for your child during this time)

What to expect when

Some parents have asked about the EYFS. What it is and how we use it, I will be including a document in the email.

The purpose of this booklet is to help you as a parent/carer* find out more about how your child is learning and developing during their first five years, in relation to the EYFS.

Children develop more rapidly during the first five years of their lives than at any other time. This booklet has been written to help you as a parent know what to expect during these vitally important years by focusing on the seven areas of learning and development which are covered in the EYFS.

In this guide, your child's first five years have been divided up into six age bands which overlap. This is because every child

is different and children do not grow and develop at the same rate. It highlights what you might notice your child doing at these points.

Nursery cam:

If you have not already accessed the free NurseryCam facility that we provide here and would like to, please follow the links below to set up your account today:

www.nurserycam.co.uk
Nursery ID: littlestars888
Nursery pin: midd20le

Important:

As we are entering warmer months now we want to get prepared for the summer sun. We are asking that you provide a named sun cream and named sun hat asap for your child's room. If possible, it would be great to have these that can remain at nursery so they are always available to us. Thank you in advance

Oral hygiene



We encourage the children to brush their teeth after lunch and tea, please bring a toothbrush and toothpaste into the setting. Where possible we ask that you buy a brush with a cap to protect the brush from germs. Each baby/child will have a toothbrush holder with their name on and this will be placed on a high shelf to prevent cross contamination.

Nursery Activities

Babies: -

Babies have been learning about families.

They have been bathing the dolls with bubbles and sponges, looking at our family photos!!

Songs about our families including mummy thumb! 5 little ducks.

Stories about families including I can help and korky's puppy school.

We will also be learning about Numbers.

Using our number ducks, Counting songs such as speckled frogs, 5 cheeky monkeys.

Also using our building blocks

And our magic socks!

Two to three's: -

Our theme in the twos is currently transport, they are talking about how they travel places such as how they get to nursery.

People who help us and the transport they use, such as police, the colours of the transport and the noises they make.

The twos are also getting ready for the royal wedding, with their transport theme, they will be making their own carriage as this is how the royals are travelling to the wedding!!

We are also teaching early independence and self-care, with wiping our own noses and getting our own coats and shoes and helping to zip them up and attempting to put them on ourselves!

Three to five: -

Our threes to fives will be getting ready for the royal wedding and shall be doing some amazing activities surrounding the royal family.

School readiness activities will be starting, we will be promoting independence surrounding putting on our shoes and coats.

Talking about our schools, and role playing with the uniforms and practising pencil control.

They are also exploring sensory activities and are talking about textures and making their own sensory board

Important

Parking: Just a gentle reminder about parking when dropping off and collecting your Child.
Please do not park on the drive way and Thank you in advance for your co-operation with this 😊

All funded families
Please make sure you have filled/signed your funding form for this term.
If you are unsure please speak to management.
Thankyou.

Buggies

Could all parents please fold down your child's buggies, and please do not remove other children's buggies from under the shelter.

It is for all parents to use and will be more accessible to everyone if the buggies and prams were folded.

Uniform:

We are now taking orders for uniforms,

Forms are on the side between the doors.

If you have any questions please see management.

1 for £6

2 for £10

Dates for your diary

Concept photography

10th may 2018 between 9am and 11am.

If your child is not in this day please call and book a time slot to get their photo's done, concept are a great team and have done our photos every year since we opened, if your child is in this day, we will schedule them, please bring any clothes you wish for them to be changed into.

Half term:

For our term time families, the next half term is w/28th May To 1st June They will be Back to Nursery the w/c 4th June 2018.

(Extra sessions are available at a cost- please see management)