

# March and April Newsletter 2020

Dear Parents and Carers,

Welcome back after half term to all those who were off and hope it was a good break. Now we are into our final 6 weeks before the end of the 2<sup>nd</sup> term before we go into the last academical year, the Summer term. A lot is planned ahead so please watch out for the dates and notices for events and celebrations. I have also added the dates below but we also ad hoc events as we enjoy spontaneous fun and learning.

## KEY INFORMATION

Little Stars Day Nursery is open between 8 am and 6 pm Monday to Friday. The nursery is open for 51 weeks in the year. The nursery will be closed for the following occasions:

- Bank holidays
- 3 inset training days
- And 1 week between Christmas and New Year

**Letters** – Any significant changes or updates that occur at Little Stars Nursery are communicated to parents by letters and not by emails.

**Parents evening** – Though staff are always available to briefly speak to parents at dropping-off and collection times, to facilitate full and detailed communication, we hold a termly Parents' Information Evening. This is an opportunity for parents to learn more about the nursery, any future plans and for them to make suggestions. Parents are also frequently updated on their own child's progress, but this evening is most important to meet your key staff member and others for further discussions.

**Child health** – It is the hope of the nursery that all children in its care continue to be in good health. However, we acknowledge that children frequently do fall unwell or suffer minor ailments. While it is **not** our policy to care for sick children, who should be at home until they are well enough to return to the setting. Please do not bring your child in if they have colds, flus, running fevers or been given Calpol in the morning before nursery. We have a duty of care and can refuse entry to nursery to protect everyone and especially your own child who needs rest and care at home.

**Absences or sickness** – Please can we ask that if your child will not be coming into the nursery that you let us know, you can call us on 0208 894 2590 or alternatively you can e-mail me on [manager@littlestars-daynursery.com](mailto:manager@littlestars-daynursery.com)

**Late charge** – Can I please remind parents that the nursery closes at 6pm, if you are late to collect your child there is a charge of £8.00 for the first 10 minutes and then £1.00 per minute thereafter and the same applies for the 1pm collection time.

**My first poem:** The children at the Nursery are entering a poetry competition called "My First Poem" The children have been busy writing their poems with the staff. This will be sent off and hopefully we will be able to win prizes and maybe get selected to be published in a book, who knows. Let's wait and see.

**PLEASE ENJOY THE WORLD BOOK DAY TOKEN ATTACHED TO THE NEWSLETTER.**

Important dates to remember:

- 2-6<sup>th</sup> March World Book Week (dress up week)
- 9-10<sup>th</sup> March Holi
- 17<sup>th</sup> March St Patricks Day
- 22<sup>nd</sup> March Mother's Day
- 31<sup>st</sup> March Parent Meeting
  
- 6-17<sup>th</sup> April Easter Holidays (2 weeks)
- 20<sup>th</sup> April Summer Term Begins

Quick note:

- Please look out for notes on windows, doors and classrooms for latest information and important dates and reminders.
- When collecting your child please do not hang around the corridor and be aware of other parents and children who also need to get their belongings.
- NO shoes are to be worn beyond the inside patio. PLEASE take off or put blue covers on.
- The blue covers are to be **WORN ONLY ONCE** and thrown away, **NOT TO BE PLACED BACK IN THE BOX AGAIN.**
- Please do not open the door to any parent or leave the building without informing a staff member. Remember its Stranger Danger. You are putting all children and staff at risk by leaving the door unlocked and unattended. This is a very serious matter.
- NO mobile phones to be on display by parents on the premises. Please put them away.
- Staff are always here to help and support but please do not take too much of their time as they are in ratio and cannot have their backs to the children. Please book an appointment if you need a chat with concerns or speak to management if they can help with any queries.
- I will be away for a few weeks but contactable on email, without any hesitation on [manager@littlestars-daynursery.com](mailto:manager@littlestars-daynursery.com)
- Tanya and the team are all here to help and support in my absence.

I have many updates for the next newsletter and hopefully you will enjoy the dates of upcoming events over the next few months.

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