



## November and December Newsletter 2023

It is hard to believe that we have nearly already completed our first 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 aspects of Diwali, autumn and natural resources. Together with the teachers they will now discover many festivals like Bonfire Night and Remembrance Day (Poppy Day) as well as Hanukkah towards December and the much-awaited festive occasion of Christmas.

**December the learning theme is Weather/Seasons**. A lot of activities and events will take place over these 7 weeks of fun, laughter and joy together. Please watch out for reminders and alerts of events on the windows and letters/handouts given out.

### Ofsted Inspection

Little Stars received a **'Good'** report in all areas this May 2023. Once again we had another Inspection in October 2023 receiving a **'Good'** report in all areas. We are so proud to achieve this which shows our hard work and transparency through and through

### Jeans for Genes Day Charity

We raised **£20** so thank you to those who donated on the day and wore their jeans or something blue. Thank you to those who donated.



### Halloween Dress Up

Well done for all the effort in dressing up and grabbing the best dressed prizes. Hope you all got your little gifts bags too. We enjoy the efforts from parents and participation that is made.

Dressing up is a form of imaginative play — and imaginative play boosts problem-solving and self-regulation skills. Kids create situations and scenes and act out social events. They're able to test out new ideas and behaviours in a comfortable environment. Dress-up encourages creative thinking and communication skills.

### BBC – Children in Need Charity -

**Pyjama Week on 20-24<sup>th</sup> November - £2 each please.** 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.



### Parents Meeting

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 **27<sup>th</sup> -1<sup>st</sup> December**. We will put up the time slots outside for you to pencil in your names to see your key person in the evening. If you prefer a phone call

with your key person then please let us know and we can arrange that call. Remember your time slot is only for 10 minutes with your key person. Slots will be between 1-4pm, visits or calls. Message on the app or speak at the door to arrange.

### **Absences - PLEASE DO NOT BRING THEM IN**

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**, we will send you back home as you're not being fair to staff and other children and again this is neglect. Please can you ensure that you call us [0208 894 2590](tel:02088942590) or send us an email to: [manager@littlestars-daynursery.com](mailto:manager@littlestars-daynursery.com) or simply update it on the FAMLY app.

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

### **New/Additional sessions**

Please inform us if you require new sessions/additional hours/or eligible for 30 hrs funding next term. We will accommodate you the best possible way. This is all subject to availability as we are limited in some sessions and classes now.

Update your 30 hours codes/reconfirm before any new term starts. Check now in November for January 30 hrs code to be obtained.

We are still looking into reopening up to 6pm if we can allocate 10 children for Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursdays. But if we can't then we will not reopen for 6pm until the April term and reassess the circumstances for later September 2024. We currently still finish at 5pm due to the very low numbers we have. The prices reflect until 5pm only, if 6pm comes into effect the prices will also increase further with a plus hour rate.

### **A Potential Price Increase 2024 – still to confirm**

Unfortunately, with all the costs of living still going up we are yet again being forced to relook at our prices again for '**April 2024**' including prices for food, hourly flat rate and Ad Hoc sessions. Your monthly invoices will have a slight increase from April 2024 but we will try our best to keep it affordable as well. Please look out for any updates in March 2024.

### **KIND and GENTLE REMINDERS -**

- **No** shoelaces, big chunky boots or Open Toes – **only Velcro or easy slip on**
- **No** belts /dungarees to be worn
- **Please** label all bags, coats, hats etc
- **Bring** in your indoor shoes to wear
- **No Phones** to be used on our property whilst collecting or dropping your child.
- **Bring** spare clothes / enough nappies and wipes to be brought in
- **PLEASE SHUT THE GATE** – it's a safety feature for your child and others.
- **Healthy** packed Lunches
- **PLEASE pay your invoices on time** – 1<sup>st</sup> of every month
- **NO WATER BOTTLES** – we have them here with the child's picture and name
- **No toys**
- **No food containing nuts /popcorn**

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## Important dates to remember for the diary

- **13<sup>th</sup> - 17<sup>th</sup> Nov** – Rhyme week
- **20<sup>th</sup> – 24<sup>th</sup> Nov** – Pyjama week BBC Children in Need
- **27<sup>th</sup> – 1<sup>st</sup> Dec** – Parents meeting (times will be displayed) only one parent to attend
- **4<sup>th</sup> – 8<sup>th</sup> Dec – Christmas Fancy Dress** – Cracker Jacks Children trust Charity £2
- **7<sup>th</sup> Dec** – Christmas Jumper Week (best jumper – wins a price)
- **12<sup>th</sup> & 14<sup>th</sup> Dec** – Christmas Party (food & drink donations please)
- **13<sup>th</sup> Dec** – Christmas Lunch for children
- **20<sup>th</sup> Dec** – Last day for children/ holidays start
- **21<sup>th</sup> Dec** – Nursery Closed INSET Day
- **8<sup>th</sup> Jan 2022** – Return back as normal at 8am



### Christmas Week

We will only be **open until 22<sup>nd</sup> Dec for private paying children 1pm**, please speak to Reena if you have any queries.

### Christmas lunch

Anyone wanting a Christmas lunch (roast dinner with all the trimmings and a cracker) on Wednesday 13<sup>th</sup> Dec please inform the office with £3.00 for the cost.

### Contact us if you have any concerns, ideas or complaints – let us help you resolve and support you

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

Any questions please speak to Management team, call on 0208 894 - 2590 or email on the following [manager@litlestars-daynursery.com](mailto:manager@litlestars-daynursery.com)

Have a wonderful Christmas and an amazing start to the New Year to 2024 everybody.

Kind regards

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