



# Little Stars Newsletter October 2018

## Winter Bugs:

It's that time of year when all the lovely winter bugs are doing the rounds! Just a gentle reminder that if your child is really unwell, has a temperature or has been sick please, please don't bring them into Nursery. Over the last couple of weeks, we have had to send home quite a few children who have been unwell within a short time of being with us. We just ask that if your child isn't well enough to be at nursery, not to bring them in in the initial instance, this is for the benefit of all children, and hopefully will minimise the spread of these nasty winter bugs. Thank you in advance for your co-operation.

## Health & safety

**Door Security:** Please can we remind you all that it is very important not to let other parents/visitors in the door with you. If another parent/carer is standing outside please politely ask them to wait until a member of staff has seen them. It is very important that we see exactly who is entering the building at all times; this is for your children's safety whilst with us.

## Nursery app and observations

We are sending every week child's observations through our app- parent link first steps. Kind reminder to all parents to pop along and download the app and log in to see your children's observations and to see what they have been learning through the week!  
**Please email jess for log in details!**

## Family photos

Could all families please bring in some family photos, These would be great for our "my family" boards! Or email them to [info@littlestars-daynursery.com](mailto:info@littlestars-daynursery.com)

## Nursery Activities

### Babies-

The babies have been exploring textures in their sensory theme. The babies have been making and exploring sensory bags and using the magic bags

Then for Halloween the baby room is planning to create some spooky pumpkin plates, as well as doing some Halloween themed paintings using sponges. There will also be some scary ice play done to look like ghosts and as normal there will be some dressing up for Halloween.

### 2's

The twos have been learning about under the sea, they have been sharing stories about the snail and the whale and rainbow fish, as well as focusing on mathematics learning their shapes, colours and number up to 10. The children have been investigating colour sorting!

At Halloween the 2's are going to have the chance to do some pumpkin carving in the messy tray and make some pumpkin paintings. They are also going to be using some scary slime and even creating some spider. And of course, there will be lots of fun dressing up!

### 3's-5's

Our 3-5's have been getting involved in their topic "all about me" they have been talking about their families and differences, reading stories about people and emotions, looking at people from other parts of the world such as what they do? What they eat? What kind of house they live in and what language do they speak. They have been making houses like other people in arts and crafts and printing their own hands and feet!

For Halloween the 3's-5's will be

Getting messy with goo! Pumpkin insides and making scary pictures and well as other things- ask Palwinder and Shaista for more details!

## School next year?

### We have lots of information for parents!

Please pop in and have a look in the lobby area for "admissions to Richmond's primary schools" booklets.

#### **When do I apply?**

Children born between 1<sup>st</sup> September 2014- 31<sup>st</sup> August 2015 start school in September 2019.

**Start applying now online at [www.richmond.gov.uk](http://www.richmond.gov.uk).**

The closing date is 15<sup>th</sup> January 2019

Please use the booklets in the lobby to help with this decision.

## Facebook

<https://www.facebook.com/LittlestarsdaynurseryLTD/#>

this is our business page and we would be very grateful if parents could share our posts so we can reach others and grow!

### **We would also really appreciate a review!**

We also have a parent group for parents only to see the latest news and pictures of activities!

#### Uniform:

We are now taking orders for uniforms, these uniforms are compulsory from 3-5years  
Please see forms attached for fees and to order yours

Any questions please speak to management.

## Updating details

Would all parents please make sure the nursery has up to date email addresses, home/ mobile numbers and emergency people's phone numbers and pick up passwords.

This is important in case of emergencies

### Dates for your diary:

**Half term:** For our term time families the next half term is w/c 23th October.

They will be back to Nursery the w/c 30th October.

#### Halloween-

Wednesday 31<sup>st</sup> October.

*Bring along your spookiest selves!*

#### Diwali- 7<sup>th</sup> November

*(we would love if you could dress up in your favourite party wear for the day to celebrate!)  
there will be yummy treats available to try too!*

#### Parents evening:

Monday 19<sup>th</sup> November 2018.- Friday 23<sup>rd</sup> November 2018

#### Children in need:

Friday November 16<sup>th</sup> 2017. **(wear something spotty or yellow and bring along a pound!)**

## Parents

### Coffee morning:

We would like to invite all parents to a coffee morning on Monday November 19<sup>th</sup> 2018 from 9am-10:30am to join us in an activity (where parents can see what their children are learning during activities and how we observe and plan in the future) and to answer any questions you may have.

I have attached a form to this newsletter for all parents to fill out if they wish to attend!

### Parent presentation evenings

We have two presentation evenings for parents  
This is where we can deliver training we have been on to help with some area's parents have asked for support, and where parents can support others.

#### **How to stop that sinking feeling – biting**

Monday November 5<sup>th</sup> 6:15-7:30pm

#### **School readiness – preparing for primary.**

Monday January 14<sup>th</sup> 6:15-7:30pm

*If you wish to attend either training there is a slip attached to this newsletter.*