



Dear parents and carers welcome all our new families who have joined the Star Bushfield family. We have made an amazing start to our term and academic year 2019/2020.

The children are all settling well into their new rooms if they have moved up and for others it is their first time at our Nursery, and they are really doing well. They are having lots of opportunities to explore both the inside and outside environments with interesting activities going on and stretching the children's imagination and skills. The staff are working hard to provide stimulating and fun activities daily.

Stars Bushfield providing Quality Childcare in the Community our commitment to you.....

Learn..... We aspire for our children to ***learn*** about themselves, their communities and the environment.

Achieve..... We aspire for our children to ***achieve*** through Early Intervention and Inclusion, through learning Language for Life, and through early teaching experiences.

Protect..... We aspire to ***protect*** our children through our policies, procedures and multi-agency work.

Develop..... We aspire to ***develop*** our children through a commitment to our staff teams of monitoring performance, providing training and development opportunities, supporting wellbeing and in recognising quality practice and teaching.

be Ready..... We aspire for our children to ***be ready*** for their next step in life, through supporting independence, learning valuable life skills and developing confidence in themselves and their abilities.



What have we been doing



From the week of the 25th October we are had a dress up week linked to the colour orange (Halloween costumes were optional depending on your personal choice) we looked at different activities and creative ideas around a colour and this was the theme for the week We also did pumpkin carving and had a special tea. We also looked and linked all festivals of light, so we visited Diwali, where we made Divas, Rangoli patterns from coloured salt and ate special Diwali sweets. We also then carried this over to the next week and have made pictures of fireworks and looked at safety around matches, fires and how not to touch burning fireworks.



Missing clothes and belongings

Please remember to name all your children's belongings to help us know who it belongs too. This includes coats, hats, gloves, wellington boots and bags. The children will say an item is theirs if they like the look of something and we may inadvertently give it to the wrong child. We also currently have four children with exactly the same coat!! All named now so thank you. We also have a box with clothing in the corridor and the room with clothing that is unnamed or unknown all that is not collected by 27th of November will be added to the donations of clothing to raise money for both the Nursery and Starlight. See poster or leaflet in entrance area. If you would also like to donate this charity bring in your clothes in a bag and leave with staff.



Fees and payments

We would like to thank all parents that have been paying their fees on time and clearing all their accounts by the end of each month. You doing this means we have good cashflow, staff wages are paid on time and we clear our costs effectively and on time. It also means we have a better budget to buy the things we need because of you; we all benefit from a good cashflow. Please ensure you have adequate funds to pay your invoices on time. We also suggest if you are currently paying later in the month you pay a little extra over the next few months, so you are in front and not behind on your payments. Your co-operation in this matter would be truly helpful as I said we all benefit from fees being paid on time



School applications are open now!!

Just to make you all aware you will need to apply for a place for your child at school if they will be starting next September 2020. You need to apply before January 15th, 2020 at :- www.peterborough.gov.uk/admissions and complete the form on-line.



Our Baby room.....

Your outdoor shoes can bring in dirt and germs from the outdoor areas into the nursery and onto the flooring and then the babies can pick these up from the floor. As we know babies are always putting their hands into their mouths. We feel it is in the interest of us all to remove outdoor shoes or use the shoe covers outside the door to the room. Keeping the babies healthy and well in the nursery is our aim and this is a way you can help them do so.



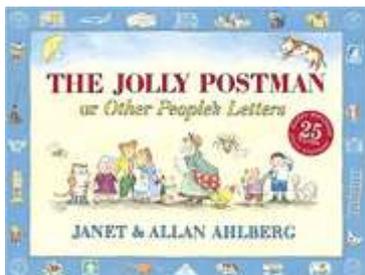
Wellies and indoor shoe

To help support us further with keeping the floors clean and dirt free and the children's feet dry and warm, can we ask that you provide named wellies for outdoors over the winter months and either a named pair of indoor shoes or slippers for indoors. This would be a great help to us all.



Hats coats and scarfs

And finally, please provide a coat, hat, scarf and gloves for your children, all named please, so we can go out what ever the weather. Children love to go outdoors, but we need them dressed in the right clothing to do so and we hate saying to any child you cannot go out because you do not have a coat!



This terms focus book will be The Jolly Postman these books are by Janet and Allen Ahlberg ;Allan Ahlberg, a former teacher, postman, plumber's mate and grave digger, is in the super-league of children's writers. He has published

over 100 children's books and, with his late wife Janet, created such award-winning picture books as EACH PEACH PEAR PLUM and THE JOLLY POSTMAN - both winners of the Kate Greenaway Medal. He has also written prize-winning poetry and fiction and lives in Sussex All his books are great reading books for children and worth looking out for. The jolly come with 3 different title and one is the Christmas version which we will do later in the term. If you share the story at home and discuss the story too, it will support learning and help children to discover ways that letters can be so important to receive or send. What a great way to show children the importance of writing for a purpose too.

Staff News:

Our new staff member in the pre-school room if you have not yet seen her is Nicky, she has moved here from one of the other nurseries in the group and is a full-time member of staff. Tabiba (known as Grandma by the children) is now staying with us full time and every day 9am to 3pm. We also have a new dinner lady called Rachel who comes in over lunchtimes. Katie who came to us in September is going to work with older children in a school and is changing direction in childcare, so we wish her luck in her new adventure. I am sure you have seen that Dawn is no longer with us she has now moved to one of the other stars Nurseries in Peterborough we would like to wish her lots of luck in her new role and last but not least we sadly will be losing Rebecca who is going to our new Nursery at Oakdale from January I am sure like me you wish her every success in her new role too. We will be introducing the new staff replacing Dawn and Rebecca shortly.

