

# Stars Day Nursery Bushfield



## Spring Newsletter



Dear parents we are well into a new year now and have been very busy up to now. The children have settled into their new room those who have moved. There is also a new hierarchy with the older children now establishing their role in the rooms. We have had lots of new children joining us over the last few months too so welcome to you all. The children have settled well and are enjoying making new friends and learning how to operate within their environments and are having great opportunities provided by the new staff teams. I am sure you have noticed that as our children have expanded so have our staff so we are really pleased to have Charlotte, Tiffany and our new cook Nicola. We will also have another member of staff starting soon so I am sure you will join me in welcoming Francesca to the Bushfield team.

On the 26<sup>th</sup> March 2019 we will have a visit from the volunteer fire service who will be bringing the fire engine to the nursery. The children are very excited, and I am sure you will be told all about it when they get home.



### Missing clothes and belongings

Please remember to name all your children's belongings and check the box next to the coat hook for missing clothes regularly for missing items.

We also have clothing in a box outside in the entrance hall. Any clothes not claimed from this will be made available to disadvantaged families who may need clothing.



### Fees and payments

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We hope you are receiving your new style invoices which offer easier more direct ways to pay your fees. There is a requirement and it is part of your contract that fees are paid within the 1<sup>st</sup> week of the month. The financial systems have been updating and we would like to take this opportunity to thank you all for your patience and support during this period. It is important that we collect fees on time as the staff need wages and our costs need meeting and a delay in collecting fees can cause delays in us paying our invoices and staff wages so please bear this in mind. The staff are our most precious resources and we want to make sure we can pay them on time. Please ensure you have adequate funds to pay your invoices. 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.



**If you still have not had your child's log- in for baby's days, please see Becca in the office who will be able to assist you in this matter.**



30hr Funding

To continue getting your 30 hours free childcare..... your code has an expiry date and you will need to confirm your details are up to date in your childcare account before the code runs out. Your code needs reconfirming every three months so you will need to complete this task, or you will not be able to claim the next terms funding. Please check that your funding is available for the summer term now. All codes must be re-confirmed by end of March for the summer term.



Babies room

Dear parents as you are all aware, we have an amazing baby room. The staff look after your baby's health and welfare on a daily basis and ensure that they are looked after to a very high standard of care. They rely on your information about their child or baby being given to them by the parent or carer that hands them over to the staff in the morning. We request

that you ensure you bring your child directly to a member of staff and give them an informed handover and not just put the child into the room and leave. As most of the children in this room do not have the capabilities to say they had a bad night's sleep or no breakfast etc we cannot give the correct level of support that the child needs if we do not have the correct information. We appreciate everyone is busy in the morning, but this is important.



Appropriate clothing



To help support us further we need children to have the appropriate clothing for the weather. I appreciate it is so changeable at the moment and that children need to have different types of clothing and accessories on a daily basis but please be mindful at the end or start of your session it can be a different temperature than in the middle of the day when the sun is out. We are happy for you to bring clothing and accessories that you leave here for use by your child whilst they are here.

The children spend a large proportion of their day within the outdoor area and therefore need appropriate coats, hats and soon they will be needing sun cream. We will need you to bring a named pot of sun-cream to leave at nursery for application on high UV days.

It would be good if you also remember they will need sensible shoes for children to play both indoors and out. No flip flops or open toed shoes. Also, a t-shirt to cover children's shoulders, as these are a very sensitive area and become burnt very quickly in the sun.

Mother's Day Tea



*To all our Mummy's we would like to invite you to join us for afternoon tea at the nursery on Thursday 28<sup>th</sup> March from 3pm to around 4.30pm to celebrate how lucky we all are to have such special Mummies, bring Nannies too if you would like to share the occasion with them.*



To follow on from this busy month we will be having on  
the 18<sup>th</sup> April a Easter Family Fun Afternoon

More details to follow but we will be holding an Easter Egg hunt Easter activities and shared  
tea.



IMPORTANT NOTICE

We are going to start a food bank to support those families who are living in poverty who live  
amongst us and the other Stars Nursery in Peterborough. We will put a collection box in the foyer  
area for you to place any contributions in you think may help. If you are in need then please talk to  
the office and we will see what we can do to support, you or a family you know who may be in need  
of a food parcel.

Thank You for all the support you give us on a daily basis. It is important  
to us that we have a good parent's partnership with you.