

Bright Stars Day Nursery



Newsletter

January 2019

Happy New Year and all the best for 2019 from all the Bright Stars Team.
Hope you are ready for a fun filled year.

Updating details...

Due to Ofsted regulations it is vital that we have up to date information on all our children. Please inform the management team in the office of any changes, so our records can be updated.

Session Times...

Morning sessions are 8am until 1pm and afternoon sessions are 1pm until 6 pm. All session times must be adhered to. We have to maintain to our ratios, it is an Ofsted requirement and it is for the safety of all our children. This applies to dropping off too early as well as late pick up.

Cold Weather

Now winter is here, and the temperature is dropping please ensure you provide appropriate outdoor clothing for your child. The children access the garden all day so need to be warm and comfortable during the play.

Spare Clothes

Please ensure you provide plenty of clothes in your child's bag in case they need changing several times throughout their session.

Absent from nursery

Please can all parent call and inform the setting if your child will not be attending. It is a legal requirement for us to record when a child does not attend their normal sessions.

Wipes and nappies

Please ensure you provide enough nappies and wet wipes for your child.

Monthly Themes

Ladybird's room supported by Michelle

Winter- exploring hidden objects in ice, painting, white hand prints, shredded paper, animals that live in cold places

Butterfly Room supported by Clair

Winter- Bird Feeders, Winter clothes, snow pictures, collage snowman.

Bumblebee room supported by Caroline

Creative activities.

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Lunches

Please find attached below the letter sent out in December regarding funded only children being charged for their meals as from January. Please note January invoices have been sent out via email and need to be paid by the 8th January.

★ Dear Parents

★ This year has seen several changes to the child care sector including the embedding of the 30-hour funding, minimum wage raising from £7.20 in 2017 to £8.21 from April 2019, the employee pension contribution raising to 3% in April 2019 and no additional finance provided for the funded hours by government.

★ During the last 12 months the local childcare sector have urged the local authority to look at the amount being provided to us in order to offer the funded hours, but in November 2018, they confirmed that no further finance was available. Whilst over the last financial year we have incurred these costs, we are no longer able to continue subsidising the funding.

★ In order to ensure we continue to provide the best early years' experience for your child and to consider the demands put on us as a company by the funding, we will be making some changes to our pricing structure from January 2019.

★ **Funded only bookings**

★ All funded only children will be required to pay for their lunch and/or tea. The charge for this will be £2.00 for lunch and £1.00 for tea.

★ Funded only children will have the option to bring a pack lunch and/tea if they would prefer. All food provided by us is to be booked and paid for up front to prevent any accumulation of debt.

★ If you have already booked lunch and tea, charges will still need to be paid for, even if your child is off sick.

★ You will be invoiced for this at the beginning of the month with payment due in seven days. Please let your setting know what option you would prefer for your child. This is to ensure they are catering for the right number of children. You can change your food options at any time by giving at least 4-weeks' notice of your intention to change.

★ To help with ideas for packed lunches we will be providing some fact sheets and healthy eating information which will be available in the office or reception area.

★ **Invoices**

★ All invoices for sessions will be issued at the beginning of the month with payment due in seven days. If not paid within the seven days a late fee will be incurred of £25. If you have difficulty paying, please contact our account department by email on accounts@starsdaynurseries.co.uk

★ We are committed to ensuring the standards we deliver continue and we look forward to working with you in 2019.

★ If you would like to find out more around the issues of delivering the 30-hour childcare, then please visit <https://www.daynurseries.co.uk/news/article.cfm/id/1597952/over-100-childcare-providers-lobby-for-fairer-30-hours-pay> or https://www.ndna.org.uk/NDNA/News/Latest_news/2018/NDNA_responds_to_new_sector_findings_on_impact_of_30_hours.aspx

★ Kind regards

★ Stars Day Nurseries.

Birthday Celebrations...

The team at Bright Stars would like to wish a very magical birthday to

Bumblebee's

Subhan 1st Sami 7th Charlie 10th Lucy 12th

Staff

Yasmeen 4th Safia 21st Betty 21st

Michelle 22nd Sophie 31st

Outstanding December Fees.....

Need to be paid immediately or you will receive a late payment fee charge. All January fees need to be paid by Thursday 31st January or your child will be excluded from nursery.

If you have difficulty paying your fees, please arrange to see the director or account manager by making an appointment through the manager/deputy.

Thank-you for your time – Clair Simpson & Caroline Beaney (Nursery Managers).