

Summer newsletter

Team update:

We are delighted to announce that Nicola Bunce had a baby boy called Luke. He was born 27th April weighing 7lb 15oz.

I am delighted to say that Lollie will be returning as bank staff. Lollie was an employee who worked for us for many years however due to the pandemic decided to support her family and become a carer. It will be great to welcome her back.

Outside toys:

Please do not use our outside toys when you are waiting to drop off and collect. There is a health and safety risk to other parents and children. You will be asked to stop your child from using it.

Tapestry:

We would like to thank you for all your contributions to Tapestry over our topics and focusses. Please keep them coming, we love seeing your uploads and they really help build a picture of your child's development and interests.

Gates:

Please can we ask that you close the gate behind you now. We will be providing a sanitiser pump for you to use before you enter the garden.

EYFS reforms:

The Early Years Foundation Stage curriculum we use to assess children's learning and development is changing from September 2021. It has been adapted to:

- Reduce paperwork for Early Years Practitioners and Teachers
- Improve outcomes at 5 years old
- Improve language development for all children but particularly for children from disadvantaged backgrounds.

This will therefore impact the way in which we document our assessments and how we share this with you. I am hosting a staff meeting at the end of July to develop the team's knowledge on how we will deliver this to our families. After the staff meeting, I will explain our plans. Please keep uploading and sharing your observations to Tapestry they are extremely valuable.

COVID 19:

Thank you for continually supporting us with following the guidelines set by government. Please can I remind you that we have very clear guidelines to follow, we completely appreciate it's difficult for parent's but we have a duty of care for everyone. We will continue to make reasonable judgments on if/when to send a child home.

If you or anyone in your household develops **any one of the following symptoms**, you will need to isolate and book a test. The symptoms are:

- High temperature
- New consistent cough
- Loss of test/smell

If you require a test, please go to: <https://www.gov.uk/get-coronavirus-test>.

We are still asking parents to line up outside of the nursery, we will review this again in September and put in place a staggered return to parents entering the nursery. We would like to thank you for your understanding throughout the pandemic.

Parent's evening:

Have you booked your telephone slot with your child's room? If not, please speak to your key person to make arrangements.

Emails:

Please email childcare@brightstars.org.uk your results for your COVID test. Sam only works Monday, Tuesday and Wednesdays so will not pick up emails on a Thursday and Friday.

September rooms:

Bright Stars aims to continuously develop our team with training and experience to provide the highest quality of care to our families. We aim to move some of practitioners with your child to provide continuity of care. You will receive taster sessions and information on who your child's key person is if it is changing. Here are the rooms and staff that will be working within the rooms:

Baby room:

- Barbara Williams room supervisor
- Emily Harrington
- Jemma Earley

Toddler room:

- Emma Mason Room Supervisor
- Cassie Collins Senior
- Sophie Sinclair
- Tiffany Hill (Monday/Tuesday/Wednesday)
- Jade Sanders (Wednesday/Thursday/Friday)

Nursery room:

- Ella Talbot Deputy Manager
- Emily Broom Senior
- Shevana Bean
- Grace Earles
- Maddy Robertson

Pre-School room:

- Tanya Roy Room Supervisor
- Amie Bennett Senior
- Kelly Ross

- Gill Burton (Monday/Wednesday/Friday)
- Kerry Rae (Tuesday/Thursday)
- Sammy Claason

Date's for your diary:

Monday 30th August- Bank holiday closed

Wednesday 1st September- New term starts, some of you may have a change of sessions and some maybe moving rooms, this will happen then.

Saturday 4th December- Pre-School Song morning (dependent on restrictions nearer the time)

Christmas Eve- We will be closing at **1.30pm** this year

New Year return- Tuesday 4th January