



**Bright Stars**  
**Newsletter**

### **Christmas Carol Service**

The nursery will be holding a Nativity on Thursday 14<sup>th</sup> December 2017 at 1.00pm in the junior hall (Score Lane). All children are invited to take part, if it is not your child's usual nursery day please bring them to Bright Stars for 12.30pm. Following the Nativity we will be having a Christmas party in the Immersive Learning Room (school canteen), if it is not your child's usual nursery day then a parent/carer will need to accompany your child to the party. Please complete the attached letter to state whether your child will be taking part in the festive activities and return to nursery.

### **Parent's Evening**

The nursery will be holding a parents evening on Wednesday 29<sup>th</sup> November 2017 between 3.45pm – 5.45pm, this will be an ideal opportunity to meet with your child's key person and discuss their learning and development. Please complete the attached form and arrange a time slot with your child's key person.

### **Stay and Play**

Nursery will be holding a stay and play sessions on Wednesday 22<sup>nd</sup> November 2017; between 9.45-10.45am or 1.45-2.45pm. This is an ideal opportunity to come into nursery and play alongside your child engaging in lots of fun activities. Please inform a member of the team if you would like to take part in the stay and play sessions

### **Christmas holidays**

The nursery will be breaking up for Christmas on Thursday 21<sup>st</sup> December at 1.30pm and we will be returning to nursery on Monday 8<sup>th</sup> January 2018.

### **Christmas Jumper Day 2017**

The nursery will be celebrating Christmas Jumper Day on Friday 15<sup>th</sup> December 2017 by inviting the children into nursery wearing a Christmas jumper; all donations welcome.

### **Christmas Fair**

Rudston PTA are pleased to hold their annual Christmas Fair, taking place on Friday 24<sup>th</sup>

November 2017; 3.40pm – 6.00pm. Please come along and join us for some Festive Fun.

All money raised by Rudston PTA goes directly to the school and therefore benefits all children.

### **Own clothes day**

We are having TWO 'Own Clothes Days' on Friday 10<sup>th</sup> November and Friday 17<sup>th</sup> November 2017. We would appreciate donations of the following on these dates: Bottles, Sweets, New Toys / Gifts. We would also appreciate Clean & Washed Soft Toys from Bright Stars children ONLY on Friday 17<sup>th</sup> November 2017. Many thanks.

### **Parent notice**

Congratulations to Lisa who is expecting a baby in March 2018, she will be going on her maternity leave at the end of February and Emmajane will be taking over the lead as nursery manager.

### **Lending library**

We would like to tell you about the Bookworm Club we have at Bright Stars. Reading together increases literacy skills and so much more! It helps to bring a strong and loving relationship with your child and it is never too early to start reading.

Your child will be given the opportunity to choose a book on a Tuesday morning or a Friday to take home for a week to enjoy; your child will be able to choose a different story book every week. They will have their own reading card which they can use to 'review' the book by colouring in the smiley or sad face. Please feel free to put your own comment on the card too.

In order for the lending library to work you must return the books on a weekly basis so all the children have the opportunity to lend books and take them home.



**Activities we have enjoyed:**

- ❖ Physical activities in the hall
- ❖ Going down to the forest
- ❖ Exploring how you can make water travel
- ❖ Celebrating Diwali
- ❖ Making onion bhaji's and vegetable samosas
- ❖ Making a café outside

**Songs we have enjoyed singing:**

❖ **Five little ducks**

Five little ducks went swimming one day, over the hills and far away.  
Mummy duck said quack, quack, quack, quack  
and four little ducks came swimming back.  
Four little ducks .....  
Three little ducks .....  
Two little ducks ....  
One little duck went swimming one day, over the hills and far away.  
Mummy duck said quack, quack, quack, quack  
and five little ducks came swimming back.



❖ **Three cheeky monkeys**

Three cheeky monkeys swinging through the trees, teasing Mr Crocodile you can't catch me.  
Along comes Mr Crocodile as quiet as can be and snap says Mr Crocodile oh dear me.  
Two cheeky monkeys ....  
One cheeky monkey ...

**Books we have enjoyed reading:**

- ❖ Duck in a truck by Jez Alborough
- ❖ Gruffalo by Julia Donaldson
- ❖ Chocolate mousse for greedy goose by Julia Donaldson
- ❖ The smartest giant in town by Julia Donaldson



**Letters and sounds activities we have enjoyed:**

❖ **Mrs Brown's Box**

Turn a box on its side with the opening facing away from the children. One by one place between four and six familiar noisy items (e.g. a set of keys, crisp packet, squeaky toy) into the box, pausing to name them and demonstrate the sound each one makes. Sing to the tune of 'Old MacDonald' but using your own name or one of the children's:

Mrs...has a box ee i ee i o; and in that box she has a..... (stop).  
Gesture and ask the children to listen.

Handle one of the objects in the box, out of sight, to make a noise. The children take it in turns to guess what is making the sound. Continue the song but imitating the sound using your voice. "With a zzz zzz here and a zzz zzz there" Allow the children to take a turn at making a noise from inside the box and use their names as you sing.

❖ **Jack in a box**

Explain to the children what a Jack in the box is. Ask the children to curl up like a Jack in the box. Explain they can only explode when you call their name, once exploded they need to stay still like statues until everyone has exploded.

**Parent Information:**

- ❖ Please can we remind parents/carers to provide a water bottle for their child; we are promoting healthy eating and dental hygiene so can we ask for only water to be provided in the children's drink bottles, thank you.