

## Newsletter

### Welcome

We would like to welcome all the children back to Bright Stars we hope you have had a lovely summer; and a special welcome to all our new children and families.

### Book of The Week

The book of the week is Sometimes I Feel ... Sunny by Gillian Shields and Georgie Birkett.

The book discusses different feelings and that we all have grumpy days and sunny days and that everybody feels strong emotions sometimes. We will be doing lots of different activities to encourage the children to discuss how they are feeling.

### Mouse Club

We are very excited to introduce Mouse Club. Every child has received a toy mouse to help them settle into and support them during their time in nursery.

Our first Mouse Club stay and play session will be on Thursday 14<sup>th</sup> November 2019; we are asking parents/carers to arrive at the children centre at 9am where we will talk to you about the benefits of Mouse Club and how it can help you and your child. We will follow this with a stay and play session in nursery, the focus of the session will be Gross/Fine Motor Skills; the session will finish at 10.30am. If it is not your child's usual nursery day you are more than welcome to attend.

### 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 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 and blue cards on a weekly basis so all the children have the

opportunity to lend books and take them home. Books will only be changed once during the week. The lending library will be open on a Wednesday morning and a Thursday all day.

### Autumn Walks

If you go on any walks or outings with your child and see any conkers, pinecones, acorns or any other autumn related items please collect them and bring them into nursery; so we can discuss them with the children and make an autumn display.

### Home School Books

Can we remind and introduce to our new families our home school books, this is an exercise book that the children can take home and put in photographs of favourite people, what they have been doing at the weekend, any special news or draw a picture. They can then bring it back to nursery and share with their friends. This is to help develop the children's communication skills and encourage them to talk about past events.

### Toys into Nursery

Please could we ask for you to discourage the children bringing toys from home into nursery. Children's toys are getting lost or broken and it is not the nursery's responsibility to keep them safe. Your child is more than welcome to bring in their Mouse Club mouse to nursery.

### Water Bottles

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.

### Letters and Sounds

At Bright Stars we follow Letters and Sounds Phase One to help children to learn and understand basic phonics getting them ready for Reception. Phase One falls largely within the Communication, Language and Literacy

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area of learning in the Early Years  
Foundation Stage.  
Activities you can do at home with your child  
are:

#### Listening walks

This is a listening activity that can take place indoors or outdoors. Remind your child about the things that good listeners do (e.g. keep quiet, have ears and eyes ready). Encourage your child to listen attentively to the sounds around them. Talk about the different sounds they can hear. After your child has enjoyed the listening walk indoors or outdoors, make a list of all the sounds you can remember. The list can be in words or pictures.

### Half Term

We break up for half term on Friday 25<sup>th</sup>  
October 2019 and return on Monday 4<sup>th</sup>  
November 2019.

### Bertie the School Dog

In consultation with our Governing Body Rudston have decided to take on a school dog. The school dog will be specifically trained to work with children in school. Please find attached a letter and permission slip to give consent for your child to be involved with Bertie.

### Rudston Primary Open Evening

Rudston Primary School will be holding their open evenings for the Reception children for September 2020 on the following evenings: 8<sup>th</sup> October 2019; 15<sup>th</sup> October 2019; 21<sup>st</sup> October 2019 and 4<sup>th</sup> November 2019 all at 4pm. Please contact school if you wish to attend. This event is parent/carer's only please refrain from bring children. Thank you for your co-operation.

### Registering Your Child for School

If your child is turning 4 years old before the 31<sup>st</sup> August 2020, then you will need to apply for a school place. You can do this by applying online through Liverpool City Council – School Admissions. The closing date for submission is Wednesday 15<sup>th</sup> January 2020.

## Songs we have enjoyed singing so far.....

#### ❖ Hello song (*if your happy and you know it tune*)

Hello Bright Stars how are you (clap, clap)  
Hello Bright Stars how are you (clap, clap)  
It's nice to see you here,  
It's nice to see you here.  
Hello Bright Stars how are you.

#### ❖ Days of the week (*Adams family tune*)

Its Sunday and its Monday,  
Its Tuesday and its Wednesday,  
Its Thursday and its Friday,  
And then its Saturday.  
Days of the week (clap, clap)  
Days of the week (clap, clap)  
Days of the week, days of the week,  
Days of the week (clap, clap)

#### ❖ Months of the year

January, February, March and April.  
May, June, July and August.  
September, October, November, December.  
These are the months of the year.

#### ❖ Tommy thumb is up

Tommy thumb is up; Tommy thumb is down.  
Tommy thumb is dancing all around the town.  
He dances on your shoulders,  
he dances on your head.  
He dances on your knees and  
took him into bed.

Peter pointers up....

Toby tall is up...

Ruby ring is up...

Baby small is up.... (quiet voice)

Fingers all are up.... (loud voice)

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