



North Star Nursery Parent Newsletter

May 2019

Dear All,

Hello and welcome to another newsletter, full of information to help keep you up to date.

Nursery Birthday

Our celebrations will be taking place on Friday 14th June 2019 from 2pm – further details to follow.

All children are invited to attend. Those not usually in nursery on a Friday afternoon will need a responsible adult to accompany them.



Sun cream required for each child please (siblings can share). Bottles to be labelled with child's name and date of opening. Sun hats too please and sun glasses if you would like your child to wear them whilst in the garden

Breastfeeding

We have initiated the process to become formally part of the Breastfeeding welcome scheme. Nicky, who is a peer breastfeeding supporter

and Julie, Nursery Manager, have met with the local advocate and trainer and we are in the process of identifying further staff training for the whole team. We will also be seeking to form supportive links with the Research Councils to assist where possible nursing mothers upon their return to work.



Dates for your diary

Monday 27th May 2019 Bank Holiday – Nursery Closed.
Tuesday 28th Privilege day – Nursery and Holiday Club closed.

Half term holiday 29th-31st May 2019

Wednesday 5th June 2019 12 noon- **Parent workshop – Transitions and on to school**

Wednesday 12th June 2019 – **parent feedback session 4.00pm in nursery**

Monday 17th June 2019 4pm Funding workshop (if your child is turning 3 between now and March, do come along)

Tuesday 25th June 2019 – **Concept Photography** -from 8.30am

You are welcome to come along to any of the workshops at short notice.

During July 2019, we will have work experience students on placement with us. They will be shadowing staff in each room.

Term time only Funded children please note Teacher training days are on 19th, 22nd, 23rd, 24th and 25th July- refer to your contracts for further information.

2nd September 2019 autumn term begins for term time only

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Phonics- getting it right first time.

<https://youtu.be/lwJx1NSineE>



Take a look at, and listen to the correct pronunciation of the synthetic phonics on the above link. Then you will be able to model correctly to you child/ren letters in the community when out for walks, letters in books you are sharing and letters in their names. Regardless of the age of your child, it is important to get this right the first time round to aid learning, rather than hinder it, as they then need to relearn sounds to assist with reading later on.

Dear Parent/Guardian,

Your child's nursery is taking part in Read for Good's Readathon, a wonderful and time-tested way of motivating children to read for pleasure. Children choose whatever they like to read - from comics to classics, and audio books to blogs - and the money they raise in sponsorship helps to provide books for schools, as well as a regular supply of brand new books and storyteller visits to your local major children's hospital and hospitals all over the UK. Plus, your nursery will receive 20% of the money raised to buy books - it's amazing!

You can sponsor your child online at <https://readathon.secure.force.com/sponsor> and find out more about how the money raised helps children in hospital at <https://readforgood.org/helping-kids-in-hospital/our-hospital-programme/>.

Readathon is all about children having fun and reading on their own terms, in their own time. Please encourage your child to choose whatever they feel like reading - not just books - newspapers, magazines, audio books, or read a book together - it all counts! Our children's page features fun games, videos and other activities to inspire them.

It is now well known that children and young people who choose to read for pleasure regularly are more likely to succeed in all areas of life and recent research carried out by the National Literacy Trust has shown that children who participate in Readathon are more likely to read widely, use the library more and think that reading is cool - what more could we want?!



North Star Nursery has identified from June 3rd 2019 to August 16th 2019 inclusive, as our sponsored reading period.

Sponsor forms will be sent out closer to the start date via the children's trays. Any questions, please speak with Shannon in Discoverers.

Many thanks for your support,

The Read for Good team.

School Risers Graduation Celebrations (Discoverers children)

Friday 26th July –details to follow.



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Car seat safety

From time to time, we are asked by parents for advice on when to move their child onto the next stage of car seat. Unfortunately, we are not qualified to do so, but would draw your attention to the following websites. These outline rules, weight and height guidance and recommended manufactures.

www.gov.uk/child-car-seats-the-rules

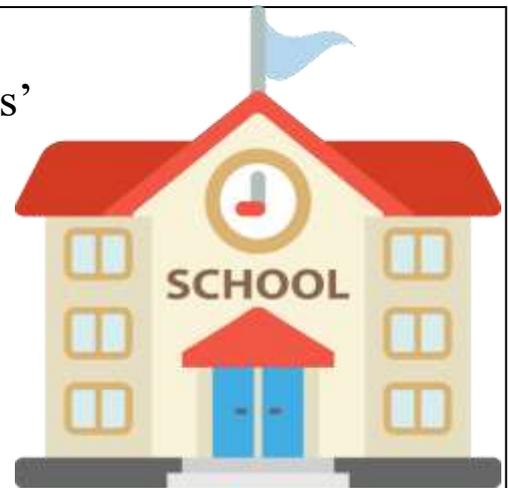
www.nhs.uk/conditions/pregnancy-and-baby/child-car-seats-and-child-car-safety/

www.rospa.com/road-safety/resources/films/child-car-seats/

Please be aware that you can be fined up to £500 if a child under 14 isn't in the correct car seat or wearing a seat belt while you're driving.

School Risers

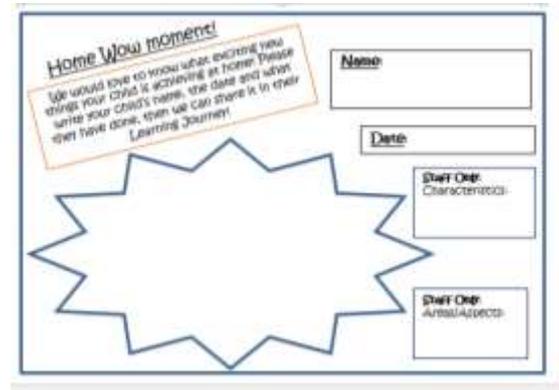
Please remember to give at least one months' notice on your child's nursery space. If you think you will need days/part days, in September to support the transition period, please email your requirements to the office for consideration.



Learning Journeys

Just a reminder that you are welcome to ask for these at any time during the year, but we send them home formally twice a year. You may have family visiting and would like to share your child's journey so far with them.

We would like you to sign and comment on the EYFS summary pages (usually hi-lighted by staff) and provide us with Home Wows as part of our partnership working.



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Holidays

It is really helpful, where possible to tell us of your child’s absence from nursery. This enable us to make suitable staffing arrangements and organise our big cleaning and catering needs, as well as saving us from having to ring you to find our why your child is absent.

Name of child/ren:.....

Confirmation of our holiday dates, when we will not be in the nursery are:-

May 19.....inc

June 19.....inc.

July 19.....inc.

August 19.....inc.

September 19.....inc.

October 19inc.

Signature of guardian.....relationship to child.....

Photographer Permission

Dear Parents and carers

On **Tuesday 25th June 2019** we have Concept Photography for the morning from 8.30 till 11am.

On the day of the photographer we ask for all children to attend that morning in the clothes they wish to wear in the photograph. To avoid any accidents to this clothing, we do not offer any messy or outdoor play until they have been completed. Snack on this morning consists of water and a plain biscuit for the same reasons previously mentioned.

Staff will be on hand to ensure faces are clean, and a comb is at hand. However we cannot make any guarantees! If you wish your child/ren to be changed after the sitting, please give clear instructions to the staff and provide the appropriate change of clothes and staff will only be to glad to oblige.

Children will **only take part if we receive the completed permission form**. All photos taken are on a sale or return basis, so there is no obligation to purchase.

All children are invited irrespective of whether they normally attend on a Tuesday am session or not. We can agree a timeslot for you.

I shall look forward to receiving the consent forms back promptly. Please remember that the nursery stands to make a little commission to support our fundraising campaign.

Thank you
Julie Jones - Nursery Manager.

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Reply/permission form RSVP by return

I*do / do not require my son / daughter

..... To be photographed on Tuesday 25th June 2019

Solo photo.....Yes/No

Sibling photo.....Yes/No.....name of sibling

Other photo (please specify e.g. family shot) Yes/No names.....

Signed date.....

Relationship to child.....

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