



bright Newsletter August 2017

Dear Parents and Carers,

As you will now be aware, from **September 2017** the government will be introducing a new **30 hours** funding scheme for children the term after their 3rd birthday. The following website is now active and you can log on to see if you are eligible for the 30 hours (15 additional).

www.childcarechoices.gov.uk

If you are eligible you will be given a code, we ask that you kindly **put this code in an e-mail** to us for our records along with **both parents National Insurance Numbers**.

If we do not have your codes entered on the database by the **31st of August** we will be **unable to claim for the additional 15 hours**

It is with regret that we write to inform you of both **Sophie Honour and Fern Stockings** decision to leave Bright Comets Day Nursery. Sophie has worked at the nursery for over 8 years which I'm sure you will agree is a long and dedicated length of service however, she now wishes to move on and explore other career opportunities. Sophie's last day with us will be **Friday 4th August** and Danielle Marsland from Pre School will replace her position in Seaside. Fern has been offered a job in a school as a teaching assistant and as this is something she has always wanted to do, she has also decided to leave. Fern's last day with us will be **Friday 25th August**, Sarah Webb, Nursery Practitioner will replace Fern from Tuesday 29th August in Meadow.

We would like to thank all of you who have helped build the nursery and our reputation through recommending a friend! We are becoming extremely busy and now have a waiting list in our Meadow room, so please continue to spread our name and you may be entitled to our **"Recommend a Friend" discount and receive a huge saving of 25% off one month's fees!**



Did you know?

Visit the website below for useful tips and information on toddlers and new babies

<http://www.nhs.uk/conditions/pregnancy-and-baby/pages/children-and-new-siblings.aspx>

Visit the website below for useful tips and information on encouraging children's talking

<http://www.talkingpoint.org.uk/>

Visit the website below for useful tips and information on meal ideas for children

<http://www.nhs.uk/Conditions/pregnancy-and-baby/Pages/childrens-meal-ideas.aspx>

A Note from Each Room

Farmyard:

This month we will be exploring transport and the noises they make including the emergency vehicles in line with "People Who Help Us" week. We will also be exploring the colours of the transport i.e. a fire engine is red, a police car is blue etc and using the play vehicles to make marks with them in paint. We are looking forward to our teddy bears picnic so please remember to bring your child's teddy with them for the day; should the weather permit we will take the children on a walk to the nature reserve where we will have snack in the woods with the teddies.

Parent Link- Can you point out the most popular forms of transport if spotted to your child and make the familiar noise; could you take them to the local zoo or farm where there may be a train or large transport play equipment for them to sit on- take pictures and email them in!

Seaside:

This month we will be introducing new Makaton signs to the children to use in our everyday routine such as; good morning, nappy, sink, wash hands, eat, drink, fork, spoon, chair, table, sleep and home. We will also be introducing new activities that encourage the use of Makaton such as, "What's in the bag".

The children will be exploring more cooking and will be making cakes, biscuits and bread and again introducing new Makaton signs such as flour, sugar, butter, egg, milk, bread, water, biscuit, and cake.

Parent Link- Can you do some cooking with your child, teach them some of the key words and even sign them- take some photos and email them in!

Meadow:

This month we will be exploring our new book “Hooray for Fish” and we will be exploring the fish’s journey and the character he meets along the way. We will be getting our very own goldfish to keep in the room so that the children can watch, feed and look after it as well as, carrying out a number of activities such as, cooking, exploring opposites, emotions, colours and numbers as well as making various different creations to display and hang within the room.

Parent Link: Can you purchase our new book and read it to your children every night before bed; can you encourage them to point out the pictures and recall the story as it unfolds. Could you take your child to a pond or an aquarium and point out all the different types of fish that you see- take pictures and email them in!

Pre School:

This month we will be focusing on our numbers, recognising the numbers 1-5 and matching them to their quantities through many different activities such as; using play dough, magnetic numbers, shells and animals etc. We will also be setting up a Phonics area to focus on the letters SATPIN and each week we will look at one letter from that beginning with the letter “S”. Within the area the children will be able to explore the letter on the white board and make their own marks, they will also be able to use picture bags with objects that can be matched to that letter and use sensory bags to draw the letter with their finger. Aside from this we will also be looking at shapes and encouraging the children to identify the shape by name and its feature for example how many sides it has etc.

Parent Link: Please speak to the staff in the room each week to find out what letter is being worked on and support this at home. Use the Jolly Phonic page below to get tips, listen to the song and practice the correct sound of the letters.

<http://jollylearning.co.uk/overview-about-jolly-phonics/>

Gentle Reminders

Please ensure that when picking up or dropping off your child that **you physically go into the room and close the door behind you**, this is to prevent children leaving the room without their parent or member of staff.

We would like to ask that you ensure your child’s nursery bag is **fully packed with spare clothes** for the day as our nursery supply is lacking. Alternatively if you do have any spare clothes and would like to donate them please do so.

I would like to respectfully remind you that the nursery closes promptly at **6.00pm** and all children, parents, carers and visitors should have vacated the premises by this time. Should you require verbal feedback on your child's day, please ensure that you arrive in plenty of time to allow you to leave before 6.00pm. **As you are aware, charges will be levied for delays after 6.00pm and we really do not want to be in a position to charge this.**

Please don't forget to check your parents' information boards, Facebook and our website for further information and reminders.

Dates for your Diaries

Teddy Bears Picnic - Wednesday 9th August

The children will be having a special afternoon tea in the garden for all to enjoy accompanied by their favourite teddy bear. The children will take part in various games based around bears throughout the afternoon and will have the opportunity to show their friends their bear and talk about why it is special to them.

People Who Help Us Week - W/C 21st August

We will be inviting some special people into the nursery such as police, firemen, vets, nurses and dentists throughout the week. Children will take part in discussions, explore the vehicles and participate in some art and craft activities, ending the week by having a party tea whereby all children are asked to come to nursery dressed as their favourite superhero.

Friday 22nd September- Harvest Festival

We will be encouraging the children to take part in various activities such as making bread, fruit printing and looking at the role that farmers play in the Harvest Festival. We will also be taking the children and all of the food we have collected to Hatfield Care Home and will sing the elderly people a few songs.

Thursday 26th October – Nursery Training Day

The nursery will be closed for a staff training day therefore, alternative childcare will need to be arranged. Please note that you are NOT charged for this day and this has already been taken into account when calculating your fees.

Tuesday 31st October – Nursery Halloween event and tea party

Parents are asked to bring their children to nursery in **fancy dress** to participate in various activities throughout the day such as, carving and exploring the inside mush of pumpkins, making and exploring green gloop, making pumpkin pie, ghost meringues and creating magic potions. Along with, carrying out various arts and crafts such as, making Halloween cards, sponge painting and printing, making spider mobiles, pumpkin faces, decorating masks and balloon ghosts. In the afternoon the children will have a party tea and play some party games. If your child does not attend this day but you would like them to come along please feel free to bring them along however, you will be required to stay with them and supervise them at all times. Please let Janine or Kirsty know if you will be bringing them in order for us to ensure everyone is catered for.

As always, if you have any questions, queries or concerns, please do hesitate to contact us.

Kind Regards
Kirsty, Janine and Team.