



Newsletter November 2020

Dear Parents and Carers,

I have recently returned from maternity leave and am back working on a part time basis for the time being.

I believe I have met most of our new parents but for those I haven't I look forward to meeting you in the near future.

I would like to inform parents that following Lorraine's departure from Bright Comets I am pleased to confirm that Kirsty Pratchett has been promoted to Deputy Manager permanently along with Amy Ozkuluz who will remain as Third in Charge.

I would also like to let parents know that Danielle (Under Two's Room Leader) is expecting her first child, due in February however, she unfortunately is off sick and won't return before starting maternity leave. We are very pleased for Danielle and I am sure you will join me in congratulating her on her news.

Lucy Jolley will now step up to room leader during Danielle's absence from the nursery Lucy has lots of experience working with this age group.

In addition to this, I am also pleased to welcome the following staff on board:

Emily Pratchett will join the team as a full time member of staff in our Under Twos Emily has worked as a part time member of staff at Bright Comets for 2 years.

Martina Jahnova will also be joining our team to work in Meadow on a full time basis from Monday 9th November; Martina has lots of experience in a range of settings.

If you wish to purchase photos from Caamkids please return your order form or place your order by this coming Friday 13th December.

Covid- 19 updates

Following the recent announcement we are pleased to inform you that we will be remaining open as normal. We have however, reviewed our coronavirus policy and procedure and have implemented a new one. If you have not yet received this please speak to Janine who can provide you with a copy. We will be reinforcing this policy and ask that parents are considerate and understanding.

As we continue to **stay alert** with the current situation could we please ask that if your child becomes unwell or begins to show any signs or symptoms you inform the setting and seek medical advice, as you may be asked to self-isolate. We understand that this is a very difficult time but we **MUST** continue to keep all children, staff and parents safe and limit the spread of the virus.

Unfortunately the festive period will not be the same this year however, we will try our best to make it as special and exciting for the children as possible and will continue to do lots of craft activities and have Christmas parties based in their bubbles. (Please see dates below for specific celebrations).

Dates for your Diaries for 2020:

Friday 13th November: Diwali festival

To celebrate Diwali we will be providing some colourful arts and crafts for the children to explore colour and mixing colours together, whilst we do this we will talk about the celebration.

Tuesday 24th November: Pyjama Day

Children are invited to come to nursery dressed in their pyjamas! We will spend the day in our pyjamas and talk about all things bed time! We will be reading lots of stories and talking about our bedtime routines at home.

Wednesday 16th December – Christmas Dinner and Party.

All children will participate in Christmas activities and party games for the duration of the day. A Christmas lunch will be served at their normal meal times where the children and staff within their bubbles will enjoy a festive feast together. The menu for this will be sent out in due course. A Christmas Party tea will be served at the normal tea time and children will have a special visit from Father Christmas (an internal staff member) and will each receive a present to take home. The afternoon will be packed full of fun and games within their class bubbles.

PLEASE BE SURE TO REGULARLY CHECK OUR EVENTS BOARD/FACEBOOK FOR REMINDERS AS WELL AS OUR EVENTS LIST ON OUR WEBSITE



Did you know?

Supporting information surrounding Covid-19:

<https://www.hertfordshire.gov.uk/services/schools-and-education/information-for-childcare-providers/providers/covid-19-for-early-years-providers.aspx>

Follow this link for some information on sleep requirements and routines.

<https://www.nhs.uk/conditions/pregnancy-and-baby/getting-baby-to-sleep/>

A Note from Each Room

Under Twos: This Month we are going to be looking at colours, exploring them through bonfire night and Diwali festival. We are also going to be exploring our senses by using different materials and textures.

Meadow: This Month in Meadow we will be learning the Makaton signs to 5 little monkeys; we will also be exploring 12 little dinosaurs as our book of the month. As well as our book and song of the month we are going to be exploring numbers through play and activities to encourage the children to start recognising numbers. We will also be encouraging the children to identify concepts such as big and little.

Can we please ask for each child to bring in a water bottle to use through-out the day.

Pre-school: This month in pre-school we are going to continue to learn the phonic sounds and introduce a letter of the week. We are also encouraging more independence by zipping up own coats, pouring drinks and serving snack.

We are also going to be exploring more scientific experiments, as the children have really enjoyed making lava lamp bottles, learning why things happen and how things change.

Gentle Reminders

Please don't forget to follow our **Facebook** page for regular updates and news. We would also be very grateful to parents if you could leave us a review.

As we are now in the **autumn season**, we would like to remind parents to bring in **waterproof clothing**. As you are aware all of the children who attend have the opportunity to experience indoor environments as well as the outdoor area in all seasons so they do require **wellington boots and jackets**.

We 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. This also applies to children who attend half sessions and are collected after 1pm or those brought in before 1pm.

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 have to charge late fees.

Under no circumstance should a parent let anyone into the building or leave the door open for them. Simply **ask them to enter the codes themselves** or wait outside, while you inform a member of staff. Parents allowing people into the building is a breach of our safeguarding, security and health and safety policy and therefore, we ask for your full co-operation with this.

Whilst we appreciate this can put parents in an awkward situation, **the safety and well-being of the children is of paramount importance to us** and we cannot stress how important it is that you strictly follow our policy.

The nursery has a strict **NO NUT** policy and we ask parents that children do not enter the nursery with any food items to help us ensure we can adhere to this policy at all times. We also kindly ask parents to keep this in mind when giving children breakfast/meals at home before coming to nursery as we do have some children with severe nut allergies.

Please can all parents ensure that you **inform the setting if your child will not be attending** due to sickness/holiday, whilst it is not compulsory for them to attend as it is private day care we do have a duty of care to record their absences and it also really helps us with catering for the children and staff ratios.

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

As always, if you have any questions, queries or concerns, please do NOT hesitate to contact us.

Kind Regards
Janine, Kirsty and Team.