



## BrightSparks@Stanbridge

We're in our third week and what a great couple of weeks we have had! The children have settled really well and have had a busy time exploring. We send a warm welcome to all our new children and families.

Let's introduce the staff, Anna & Linda are the Managers who will be working alongside the room leaders, Marie in Butterflies and Jess in Caterpillars. We also have some new members of staff who have joined our team, Natalie Lewis working in Butterflies and Rebecca Pitman working in Caterpillars. Both are qualified, experienced staff.

Our contact details are as follows, please ring or email to speak to us.

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### *Highlights for this term:-*

*We are using this term to get to know you and your children and therefore our planning will be around the children, their families and the childrens interest. Your child's key person has now been allocated and the information will be displayed in the rooms. We would love it if you could supply us with some family photos, which we can display in the rooms.*

### **Tapestry – Please note that this will be our main means of communication to the parents.**

Communication books will now only be used on arrangement with the staff. All parents should now have access to view your child's learning journal. Please take the time to have a look and feedback your comments.

Please note the website address to access tapestry - <https://tapestryjournal.com>

If you are having problems logging on please email us and we will reset your password.

**Photographs** - Concept Photography are coming on **Thursday 2<sup>nd</sup> November** starting at 9.15am and leaving at 11.00am. If you would like your child to have their photograph taken but they do not normally attend a Thursday morning session, or there is a sibling you would like photographed, please arrive as near to 9.00am as you can and we will slot you in. As long as you order by the deadline set, your photos will be back by the end of term.

**Absence** – if your child will not be attending preschool for any reason, please ring or email us to inform us. Whilst it is not a requirement for children to attend pre-school, we do need to record the reason for a child's absence.

We know some of your children have only just started pre school but for those children starting primary school in September 2018, detailed below are the local schools and their open mornings/afternoon/evenings.

You can apply online or by post from 5<sup>th</sup> September until Monday 15<sup>th</sup> January 2018.

<b>Stanbridge Primary School</b>	<b>Emersons Green Primary School</b>
27 <sup>th</sup> September, 1.30 – 2.30pm 17 <sup>th</sup> October, 9.30 – 10.30am 22 <sup>nd</sup> November, 6.00 – 7.00pm 4 <sup>th</sup> January, 9.30 – 10.30am	9 <sup>th</sup> October, 10.30am 27 <sup>th</sup> November, 1.30pm 4 <sup>th</sup> January, 6.00pm



<b>Mangotsfield Primary School</b>  20 <sup>th</sup> September, 1.30 – 2.30pm 15 <sup>th</sup> November, 6.15 – 7.15pm 9 <sup>th</sup> January, 9.00 – 10.00am	<b>Black Horse Primary School</b>  20 <sup>th</sup> September, 9.30 – 11.00am 18 <sup>th</sup> October, 9.30 – 11.00am.
<b>Barley Close Primary School</b>  18 <sup>th</sup> October, 6.00pm 7 <sup>th</sup> November, 10.00am 23 <sup>rd</sup> November, 2.00pm	<b>Tynings Primary School</b>  20 <sup>th</sup> September, 9.30 – 10.30am 26 <sup>th</sup> September, 2.00 – 3.00pm 13 <sup>th</sup> October, 9.30 – 10.30am 19 <sup>th</sup> October, 2.30 – 3.30pm 2 <sup>nd</sup> November, 9.30 – 10.30am

Lots more information can be found on the South Gloucestershire website  
<http://www.southglos.gov.uk/education-and-learning/schools-and-colleges/school-admissions/primary-school-admissions/>

**Uniform** – we now have a small supply of children’s uniform in the office. If you would like to purchase uniform, please call into the office after drop off or pick up or speak to a member of staff. Uniform must be paid for before being released.

**Important reminders** - **grapes** are banned from our settings, including lunch boxes. With immediate effect please can you refrain from putting grapes in your child’s lunchbox, even if they have been cut in half. Any grapes found in a lunch box will be removed and sent back home at the end of the session.

Can we also remind you that your child’s lunchbox **should not** contain sweets, chocolates or nuts and must be clearly labelled. We encourage, promote and support healthy eating.

Our policy is, that if the staff are informed that pain relief medication has been given to your child prior to their arrival at pre-school, they will not be able to attend the session.

A plea from all the staff – when buying your child’s next pair of shoes for preschool please can you pick a pair which your child may be able to do themselves. We are encouraging the children’s independence by finding their own shoes/coats and trying to put them on but some shoes are impossible for them to do, normally lace ups. Your help would be appreciated!

Please remember to **label everything** clearly, including lunches boxes and drinks cups. Hopefully then we can ensure everything goes back with the correct child!

**Reminder** – please remember you are not allowed to use the school car park and must park in the local streets, always considering the neighbours. Please do not park on yellow lines/zig zags.



### **PRESCHOOL 2017/2018 TERM DATES**

Term 1	Wednesday 6/9/17 to Friday 20/10/17
Term 2	Monday 30/10/17 to Monday 18/12/16
Term 3	Tuesday 02/01/18 to 9/2/18
Term 4	Monday 19/2/18 to Friday 23/3/18
Term 5	Monday 9/4/18 to Friday 25/5/18 (closed 7/5/18 bank holiday)
Term 6	Monday 4/6/18 to Wednesday 18/7/18