



## BrightSparks@Stanbridge

Happy New Year to you all, we hope you had a great Christmas.

### ***Highlights for this term:-***

*This term our planning will be based around Winter. We will also be celebrating Chinese New Year towards the end of term.*

### **New Staff.**

We have a new member of staff who has joined our team, Rachel Hale. We have also had some staff movement and Jemma is now working mainly with our Caterpillar children. In view of this, some children will have been given a new keyperson. This will be written in your child's communication book.

### **Primary School Application.**

If your child is due to start school in September 2017, the deadline date for applying to your chosen schools is **15 January 2017**. If anyone has not yet applied for their place and would like assistance, please let us know as a matter of urgency.

### **Cooking - Butterflies**

We are hoping to re-introduce cooking for our butterfly children. We will need parent helpers so please watch the notice board for further information.

### **Photos – Caterpillars**

For all children in the caterpillar area, we would love to display pictures of you with your child in our cosy area. You can either provide us with a photo or email the photo to us.

### **Tapestry.**

All parents who authorised the use of tapestry 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 new website address to access tapestry.

<https://tapestryjournal.com>

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

### **Lunch boxes.**

Please can we remind you that your child's lunchbox should not contain sweets, chocolates, nuts or grapes and must be clearly labelled. We encourage, promote and support healthy eating

### **Home toys.**

Please can we ask that you do not encourage your child to bring in toys of any type from home unless specifically requested. We cannot be held responsible for their damage or if they get lost.

### **Labelling.**

Please remember to label everything clearly with your child's name including cardigans, jumpers & coats. Hopefully then we can ensure everything goes back with the correct child!

### **General reminders.**

Please can we ask for you to provide a change of clothes in your child's bag. Also, as the weather has now turned colder please can you ensure that the children have appropriate clothing, coats, hats, gloves etc. as we do play outside in all weathers.

### **Calpol.**

For your clarification, 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.

### **Term Dates**

Monday 3<sup>rd</sup> January – Friday 10<sup>th</sup> February

Monday 20<sup>th</sup> February – Friday 7<sup>th</sup> April

Monday 24<sup>th</sup> April - Friday 26<sup>th</sup> May (1<sup>st</sup> May is bank holiday)

Monday 5<sup>th</sup> June - Monday 24<sup>th</sup> July.

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