



BrightSparks@Stanbridge

Welcome back, hope everyone had a great Easter break and ready for the next 5 weeks!

Highlights for this term:-

We will be looking at Spring Time, what changes we see and notice in the environment, the life cycles of different animals plus we will also continue to look at season changings.

For all children

Concept Photography – is coming to pre school on Friday 5th May. If your child does not normally attend this session please arrive as soon after 9am as possible and we will do their photos first.

Tapestry - this is our preferred means of communication and we will be using this to share information about everything that is happening in the setting. Please let us know if you do not have access to tapestry.

Book library – just to advise you that we are going to start share our books from pre school at home. They will choose a new book each week to share at home. With the book will be a leaf, which we would appreciate if you could write your comments about the book and what your child enjoyed about the book.

Makaton – we are going to be introducing a sign a week to all children from next week, we will also be sharing this at home with you via tapestry to enable you to learn with your children.

Lunch boxes – please can we remind you that your child's lunchbox should not contain sweets, chocolates or grapes and must be labelled.

Sainsburys Active Kids Vouchers – we are now collecting these, please bring them in for us, the box is located in the foyer.

Facebook – All parents are welcome to join our facebook page where we will be posting updates for all settings and any news. No one else will be able to view your profile and if you wish to share a post, it will be approved by management before adding to the site. No photos will be posted unless approved by parents. Just search Bright Sparks and the logo.

Suncream – the weather is starting to improve and in light of this please ensure your child comes to pre school with sun cream on and a sun hat. We do have sun cream within pre school, which we will help the children apply at lunchtime, if needed.

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.

Your Recycling – we are running short of resources for our junk modelling area, any contributions would be appreciated.

For caterpillar children

September 2017 – for all the children returning to us in September, please return your session requirements form as soon as possible. Please let us know if you have not received a letter relating to September 2017.

Toilet training – if your child is toilet training please ensure you provide extra clothing during this interim period.

For Butterfly children

PE lessons – starting Thursday 4th May - Children will need to bring a PE kit which should comprise of t-shirt/shorts/trainers (if you have a spare pair). This is to help support the independence of the children and their physical development especially those starting primary school in September.

We are hiring the school hall for these sessions but envisage the first couple of weeks we will just practice changing! Please ensure all clothing and bags are clearly labelled.

Cooking – we would like to carry out a cooking activity with the children each week. As this type of activity requires a lot of supervision/support, we need your help. We are therefore asking for volunteers to help, please let us know if you are available to help for about 1 hour, on a morning.

Snack –We plan to introduce ‘cooked’ snack for our butterfly children to encourage/support their independence to use a knife & fork in preparation for the school dinners they will have at ‘big’ school. Please support this but encouraging this at home as well.

Primary school September 2017 – If you haven’t done so already, please let us know your child’s school so we can arrange transition visits, etc.

Reminders

The preferred method for payment of fees is online but if not possible, cash only.

Also if your child is unable to attend pre school please ring us on their first day of absence to let us know.

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!

Outdoor play – we do give the children the opportunity to choose whether they play indoors/outdoors even if its raining. Please ensure your child wears suitable clothing for this. We do have onesies but the waterproofing is not as good as it should be! We will change your child if they are wet.

Please remember to label everything clearly, hopefully then we can ensure everything goes back with the correct child!

Please remember you are not allowed to use the school car park between 8.30am-4pm and must park in the local streets, always considering the neighbours.

Term Dates

24th April-26th May

1st May – bank holiday

5th June-24th July