Bright Sparks Preschool West Horndon

Autumn 1 Newsletter



Dear Families,

We hope you are all well and cant wait to hear what you have all been up to. We are looking forward to welcoming all children back from September and our new children and families joining us. Whilst things have been a little unsettled of late, we have been working very hard behind the scenes to welcome everyone back and can't wait to see you with all our exciting activities and plans for the term ahead. Below is a brief summary of what's coming week by week for the coming half term and you will continue to receive the weekly detailed plans via tapestry

Look forward to seeing you all soon!

Wednesday 2nd September – Friday 23rd October

| Week commencing | Sound of the week | Enhancements /Celebrations / Events / Parent involvement |
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| 31 st August (Re open - Wednesday 2 nd September) | Sound – SS | New beginnings – Life cycles WELL BEING |
| 7 th September | Sound - Aa | We're going on a bear hunt WELL BEING |
| 14 th September | Sound - Tt | Harvest Festival / Autumn WELL BEING Roald Dahl day Celebrating harvest Visit from Father Paul — Details TBC Please bring in tins and non-perishables for Harvest offering |
| 21 st September | Sound - Ii | All About Me / Growth WELL BEING Recycle Week Upload a picture of your house to tapestry or bring on in for our All about me activity |
| 28 th September | Sound - Pp | Inventors WELL BEING Black History Month Moon festival |
| 5 th October | Sound - Nn | Animal WELL BEING |

| | | World animal day |
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| 12 th October | Sound – Ck | Senses, Italian week |
| | | WELL BEING |
| 19 th October | Sound - Ee | Spooky fun |
| | | WELL BEING |
| | | Halloween – Come dressed in your spooky outfit to |
| | | pre-school this week 😊 |
| | | Dussehra |
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Parent Workshops

This will be held on the field outside of pre-school, weather permitting

Tuesday 15th September 12.15pm -1.15pm -

BRIGHT SPARKS APPROACH TO LEARNING - In the moment planning through the Early Years Foundation Stage — All welcome

Tuesday 22^{nd} September 12.15 - 1.15 - Phonics talks and risers / Afternoons with a twist - School leavers 2021 only

Notes and Announcements

Please find attached the revised risk assessment in line with Government guidance for COVID -19. This has been revised again from the risk assessment we used last term as Government guidance changed on 20th July for Early Years Settings. This is the detailed version and should answer any questions you may have. We will also send a slim lined version of the day to day changes in a separate email. It is important you are aware of the risk assessments which will guide our daily routines and activity, all of which are built on the most updated version of the Government guidance 'Action for childcare providers during coronavirus'

If any private paying families missed sessions when we were directed to close in March, please email brightsparksbrentwood@hotmail.co.uk to arrange make up sessions if you would like to reclaim them. We can then book these in for you.

Please remember:

To label all of your child's belongings and clothes

To send a healthy lunch box if your child stays for lunch club. Please do not include any sweets, chocolate or nuts

Please refer to the Enhancement weekly sheet which is uploaded to your child's Tapestry alongside this newsletter, this will give you the detailed version of each of the exciting up and coming weeks We look forward to seeing you all on your return in September

The Bright Sparks Team West Horndon