



Newsletter – February 2017

Dear Parents/Carers,

Welcome to all of our new families! We have expanded significantly over the last few months and it is so warming to see how well the children have settled. This month we will continue providing learning opportunities for the children based around the child initiated theme of 'Robots'. All children have individual planning in place and we aim to enable them to achieve their targets through this personalised provision. Targets have been shared in day planners as well as key worker changes.

Staffing Update

Thank you to everybody for welcoming Yeter to the Creative Stars team with open arms.

I am happy to announce that we have another member of staff called Lucinda joining us. She will be doing a few days throughout the coming month and will join us full time in March.

Lucinda has been working with children in nurseries and schools for over 10 years. She has a level 3 in childcare and has worked as a higher learning teaching assistant within Greenwich where she has had outstanding feedback. I am lucky to have worked with Lucinda in the past and she will act as my third in charge within the nursery.

Menu Updates

We have updated our menus.

A few parents have enquired about alternating some dishes on the menu to ensure their child has a varied diet at nursery. Some children are only in on specific days, therefore, they may, for example, only eat meat at nursery. As a result, we have rearranged the menus.

There are times, however, when children do extra days and we may have to change what is being consumed (due to dietary requirements and allergies).

We have decided to create a notice showing what has been eaten each day so that parents are always kept up to date.



30 hour Entitlement for Working Parents

At present, all 3 and 4 year olds are entitled to 15 hours of free childcare a week (38 weeks of the year). From September 2017, most working families will be entitled to 30 hours of free childcare. I am in discussions with the local authority about how this will impact our parents and how best to provide these hours. I will endeavour to keep you up to date on how we will deliver this service.



Reading

This month we will be reading many books about Robots and also reading books from our Author of the month, Julia Donaldson.

I will also be investing in a range of non-fiction books to further expand our literacy area as well as developing some story sacks.



Dates for your Diary

Half Term for term time places - **Monday 13th February – Friday 17th February.**

Trip to the Horniman Museum: Robot Zoo exhibition on **Monday 27th February AM** – Shining Stars and **Tuesday 28th February AM** – Super Stars.

Parents Evening – **Wednesday 8th March from 19.00 – 20.30.**

Questionnaires

Leon and I will be analysing the questionnaires throughout the month and will publish feedback during February. Thank you for those of you who have taken the time to fill out a questionnaire.

For our parents who have recently joined us, if you would like to fill out a questionnaire, you are most welcome to do so.

