



ST MICHAEL'S MAIL

Nursery Newsletter

21st February 2021

Hello from the nursery team: Hilary, Jennie, Charlotte, Elaine, Gemma, Georgie, Hollie, Lizzie, Louise, Sophie and Tiff

Dear Parents and Carers,

Firstly, congratulations to Miranda, Peter and George Masters on the safe arrival of Oscar (Ozzy).

We hope you've all enjoyed your half term week. Whilst lockdown has not had a significant impact on the nursery, we expect that those families currently not attending will begin to do so as restrictions are lifted and older siblings return to school. Later this half term we also hope to welcome Beatrix back to the nursery.

Beatrix was diagnosed with a stage 4 Wilms tumour, a rare childhood cancer back in March 2020. She has had months of very challenging treatment but is currently in remission. It will be fantastic to have this plucky little girl back in the nursery, however, we will need all nursery parents to be especially vigilant regarding their own child's health. Beatrix will be immunosuppressed, for some months yet, which will put her at serious risk if exposed to many illnesses such as Coronavirus, Measles, Chicken Pox and Shingles but also other viral illnesses, sickness and diarrhoea. It is very important that we protect Beatrix from such illnesses. We will need to make her parents aware of any cases in other nursery children so that they can take appropriate action. Therefore, we ask you to help by considering the following points:

- The best way to protect a pupil from Measles is for all pupils to be immunised against Measles. Please discuss measles immunisation with your GP if your child is not already vaccinated. If you suspect your child has Measles you should let the nursery know immediately.
- Please let us know immediately if you suspect that your child has Chicken Pox. It is also very important that you let us know if anyone in your household has Shingles.
- We also ask that you adhere to our diarrhoea and vomiting policy and do not allow your child to come back to nursery until they are 48 hours clear.
- Please continue to be especially vigilant with hand washing and social distancing. If your child or anybody in your household is showing symptoms of coronavirus please let the nursery know and keep your child at home until you have a negative test, or have followed the current isolation rules.

Please be assured that your own child is not at any risk whatsoever from Beatrix and the extra vigilance will help protect us all. We have attached a booklet that may be useful for parents to read should your child ask questions. You may recall we rang our bells for Beatrix back in November to mark her last day of Chemotherapy. Lin-Marie has advised me that Beatrix is herself also adept at answering questions, in a very appropriate and child-friendly way, but our general simplistic response will be that 'Beatrix was very poorly and she had to have special medicine to help her get better.'

This half term we will begin exploring traditional tales, with Goldilocks and the Three Bears being this weeks tale. Sorting according to size and using words to describe size will feature in several activities, as will recalling elements of the story, learning some new songs and acting the story out.

Hilary

PLAY IDEAS

Communication, Language and Literacy:

Play a listening game...

When they are listening to you read a familiar story ask your child to listen out for the name of one of the characters or an animal. Give the character or animal an action or sound. Each time the child hears the name of the character or animal they must make the sound or do the action.

Eg: every time they hear 'bear' they make a growling sound or every time they hear 'monkey' they swing their arms like a monkey.

(Every child a talker)

Sound of the week:

j

Number of the week:

12

Click on [this link](#) for a video demonstrating how to pronounce the phonic sounds

Woodland Wonder

Chalk is great for drawing on trees and textured bark can be really satisfying to draw on.

Try looking for knots in trees that look like eyes, and using the chalks to draw on the surrounding area.

Bumpy bark makes brilliant dragon skin, or even bears!

Maybe see if you can make up a story with your character...

J is for Jump:

Get jumping!

Jump in puddles, jump over, jump off, jump on.

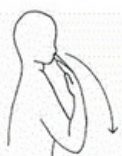
How high can you jump?

A fun and challenging way to get your body moving!



Makaton

At nursery each week we introduce a Makaton sign and symbol. These help children communicate their needs and supports spoken language.



please

Bring finger tips to chin and then bring arm down in a long arch



thank you

Have hand on chin, touch with tips of finger, pull forward slightly

Star of the day

Please take a photo or short video of something special that your child would like to share with us at nursery and upload it to Tapestry.

Due to Covid-19 restrictions we cannot currently show items brought in from home.



Monday 22nd: Noah

Tuesday 23rd: George

Wednesday 24th: Luca H

Thursday 25th: Albie

Friday 26th: Eleanor R

