



ST MICHAEL'S MAIL

Nursery Newsletter

20th June 2021

Hello from the nursery team:

Hilary, Jennie, Charlotte, Elaine, Gemma, Georgie, Hollie, Lizzie, Louise, Sophie & Tiff

Dear Parents and Carers,

We are all really enjoying our new computer, not only using it for learning games, but also for star of the day. If you upload video to tapestry, please ensure it is in landscape format to enable us to show it on the new computer screen. Photo's can be in portrait but are also better in landscape.

This week at nursery we will be practising our fine motor skills and how we can 'write' numerals. We will also be creating with tap-a-shape, car-washing and continuing to learn our Chicken Licken songs. We might even get to practice for our sports days.

We have thought long and hard about our end of term events. Initial government announcements make it difficult to run these as anticipated. Whilst there have been some relaxations specifically for education, we are very aware that the rates of the Delta variant in Mole Valley appears to be increasing. Thus we must be cautious. Whilst the nursery is effectively one bubble, with a whole bubble gathering, it will be difficult to maintain any form of social distancing. We have therefore decided to make some sensible adjustments.

Our end of term play will be on Thursday 8th July and will start at about 11.30. Older children (those who are leaving to start school this September) who do not normally attend nursery on a Thursday will still be invited to attend and should arrive at 11.20a.m. I'm afraid we cannot accommodate additional younger children on this occasion. Parents of older children ONLY will form the audience. We are hoping the performance will be outside, so please dress accordingly. Outside gatherings have a 30 number limit which means one parent per child will be allowed to attend. Committee volunteers and staff are not counted within the 30 number limit. No lunch club or afternoon session on Thursday 8th.

We will now have two sports days. Older children will have sports day on Monday 12th July at 2.15p.m. Older children who do not normally attend Forest School afternoon are invited to join us at 2p.m. Again, the attending audience limit is 30, so again, one parent per child please.

Younger children will have sports day on Tuesday 13th July at 11.45. Younger children who do not normally attend on a Tuesday will be invited to attend and should arrive no later than 11.35. Parents of younger children will form the audience for this second sports day event. 30 limit as before. Lunch club will now continue on this day.

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For both sports day events, we will allocate team colours once we have an idea of the numbers of children attending. Wednesday 14th July is a party day for the older children only. Children should arrive at the slightly later time of 9.30, in fancy dress if they wish! We will provide a lunch for the children using our nursery grown potatoes, sausages and peas. Please collect children at 12.30.

We do understand that some children and parents will be disappointed to not be able to participate in all events, but hope that you understand why we are restricting numbers at this time.

We will obviously update you should the situation change.

Hilary

Dates for your diary NB. all dates are subject to Covid-19 restrictions:

Thursday 8th July, 11.30am start: End of term show (older children & parents) - ALL children finish 12.15pm

Monday 12th July, 2.15pm start: Sports Day (older children)

Tuesday 13th July, 11.45am start: Sports Day (younger children); End of term (younger children)

Wednesday 14th July, 9.30am start: Leavers' party/End of term (older children)

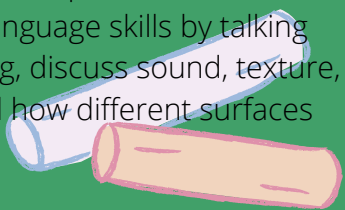
Monday 19th July: *Community Midsummer's Ice Cream Picnic - rescheduled date (for details see 'Friends of St Michael's Community Nursery' Facebook page)*

PLAY IDEAS

Communication, Language and Literacy:

Mark making outside can offer children a fresh and exciting opportunity, and may encourage a reluctant mark maker to have a go. Paintbrushes in water or chunky chinks can be used on different surfaces such as walls, fences or patios to create large art work and make marks. These can be easily washed away once finished - and can be part of the fun.

Children can extend their language skills by talking about what they are drawing, discuss sound, texture, colour, size (and more!) and how different surfaces affect the marks they make.



Woodland Wonder

Make a frame using similar sized sticks. Then lace some string or wool around them, to create a weaving frame.

Collect natural items like fallen leaves, twigs, feathers, long grasses, daisies, etc and weave these into the frame.

Display it and add to it everytime you collect more woodland treasures.



Makaton

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

This week's sign is Sing:



Sound of the week:

h

Number of the week:

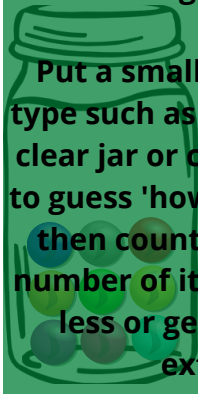
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Click on [this link](#) for a video demonstrating how to pronounce the phonic sounds

H is for 'How many...?':

Encourage and support your child's counting, estimating and comparing skills by playing a simple game.

Put a small number of items (all of the same type such as marbles, pine cones, coins etc) in a clear jar or container and encourage your child to guess 'how many...in the jar? Let them guess, then count the items. Change the items, the number of items, use language such as more or less or get them to record their results to extend this simple activity.



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.

NB. please record videos in landscape (i.e. with phone held horizontally) so we are able to view them on the large screen.

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



Monday 21st: Sammy

Tuesday 22nd: Dougie

Wednesday 23rd: Leo

Thursday 24th: Flynn

Friday 25th: Rufus