



# ST MICHAEL'S MAIL

Nursery Newsletter

27th June 2021

**Hello from the nursery team:**

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

Dear Parents and Carers,

We had some really lovely number work last week, not only using the shaving foam and new computer but outside too, particularly on the chalkboard. This week we will have a sounds/letters and names focus, continue with our Chicken Licken singing and acting and practice sports day races.

Please do confirm if your child will be attending the additional end of term sessions:

Older child but does not normally attend a Thursday ~ will they be attending the play Thursday 8th July @11.20?

Older child but does not normally attend a Monday afternoon ~ will they be attending Sports day Monday 12th July @ 2pm?

Younger child but does not normally attend a Tuesday ~ will they be attending sports day Tuesday 13th July @ 11.35?

From w/c July 5th, key persons of older children will be offering 'parents evening' sessions at mutually convenient times.

During the summer holidays we have found that playdates are a great way to stay in touch with other parents and children, socialising in larger groups will really support your child's transition either back into the nursery or into school. The session does not need to be in your house but could be at a local park or a nearby National Trust place. The nursery Committee will shortly have a sign-up sheet available, which once complete will be emailed out to all existing and new starter parents. The first summer playdate will be at nursery on Tuesday 20th July 10.30-12.30.

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)

**Tuesday 20th July, 10.30am:** Summer playdate at nursery

# PLAY IDEAS

## Communication, Language and Literacy:

Name recognition...you can support your child at home to first recognise and then begin to mark-make their names. You could write the letters of their name on Duplo blocks or post it notes, use magnetic letters or anything that can be jumbled up. Provide them with an example of their written name and encourage them to put the letters in the correct order.

Label things with their name at home, providing lots of opportunities to see their name in print.

As you write your child's name say the phonic sounds and talk about how you are forming the letters as you write them.

## Woodland Wonder

As this week is due to be wet, you may find these snails in the grassy vegetation alongside the path by Mickleham playground.

Roman snails are large, edible, land-breathing snails, and are easily spotted by their size and their striped pattern shell.

Please be mindful that these snails are protected and must not be moved from their habitats.

More information can be found here:

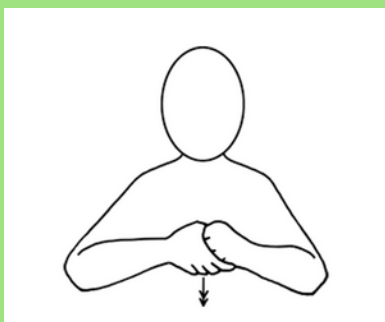
<https://thelandmarkpractice.com/protected-species-and-development-roman-snails/>

## 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 Friend(s):

click [here](#) for link to video



Sound of the week:

**r**

Number of the week:

**19**

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

## R is for Rubbings:

This week at nursery we will be looking at letters and numbers by making crayon or chalk rubbings. Help your child to find numbers, letters, patterns or shapes at home - talk about what you find and make some chalk rubbings of your own.

## 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 format (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 28th: Luca H**

**Tuesday 29th: Alexander D**

**Wednesday 30th: Thomas C**

**Thursday 1st: India**

**Friday 2nd: Charlotte**