



# ST MICHAEL'S MAIL

Nursery Newsletter

26th September 2021

**Hello from the nursery team:**

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

Dear parents and carers,

Last weeks positive Covid-19 case was the first case we have had in the nursery since the beginning of the pandemic. With the start of term, parents and children mixing with new people has inevitably brought with it the coughs and snail trails of the common cold and alas now Covid-19. It was of course inevitable but we all need to continue to be vigilant.

Children who show any one of the Covid-19 symptoms (a new continuous cough, high temperature, loss of taste or smell) should not come into the nursery. We totally understand that most times, children who show some of these symptoms will just have a common cold. It is frustrating, but we need to look after each other, and the nursery can only operate with healthy staff.

As parents, you may feel some reassurance if you are also Lateral Flow Testing twice weekly. The new tests are nasal swabs only which are far more pleasant to use and are available for free to all adults with children in educational settings.

This week at nursery we will add our emergency services vehicles to play on the carpet. We have lots of junior police constables and firefighters who will really enjoy playing with them and hopefully will also use the accompanying wooden blocks to build roads to access the various emergencies! Children have also enjoyed exploring how vehicles move on ramps, so we'll be continuing this play by adding in our gutters and ramps for cars and any conkers that make their way into nursery (we actually love pocketfuls of conkers!), the Dolls house may also feature in the emergency scenarios, and we'll have playdough with various 'loose parts' for creating critters or exploring patterns. Following the vehicle theme, children will be singing and moving to new songs alongside some of the nursery favourites.

Our snack basket has been a little light on fruit, please remember to provide a healthy snack item for your child to share with others. When we have excess snack items we will also put a note out saying 'no more snack today', thank-you!

Hilary

# THIS WEEK...

## Communication, Language and Literacy:

Get mark-making outside! Painting doesn't have to be a messy activity...make the most of the Autumn sunshine by taking a pot of water and some paintbrushes outside. Find a sunny wall and get creative! Discuss what happens to the marks you make - why do they disappear?



Sound of the week:

**t**

Number of the week:

**4**

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

**t is for Trees:**

How many different trees can you identify? Collect some leaves and look them up in a book, or on the Internet (try [The Woodland Trust](#)). Look closely at similarities, differences, patterns and see if you can spot other trees of the same type when you are next out on a walk

## Woodland Wonder

As the leaves are starting to fall from the trees, notice how the once green leaves are taking on fiery shades, explore how they feel, are they crispy? Can you hear them crunch when you walk on them? Maybe you'll find some beech nuts, acorns or conkers starting to fall too.

## 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/tablet held horizontally) so we are able to view them on the large screen.**



**Monday 27th: India**

**Tuesday 28th: Margot**

**Wednesday 29th: Melody**

**Thursday 30th: Twigg**

**Friday 1st: Lilly**



## 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 'where':**

Watch a video [here](#)



**where**