



ST MICHAEL'S MAIL

Nursery Newsletter

5th September 2021

Hello from the nursery team:

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

Welcome back to our oldies and welcome to our newbies!

We hope you have all had a lovely summer, despite the general (up until today!) non-summery weather! Thank you to all those who hosted and attended the summer playdates, we know that meeting up as a community really helps children settle and re-settle into nursery.

Over the summer staff have met on several occasions and have chatted about the Covid-19 procedures we had in place and what elements we will continue with. Other than new starters, we will continue with children entering through the gate in the mornings by themselves, with staff on hand to support with bags and handwashing. We will however be inviting parents into the nursery to collect children (and gather their coats and bags!) at the end of their session. We will monitor how this works, and update parents, should we make amendments either by choice or through Government advice

The Early Years has new statutory guidance, which we had training on at the end of last term. Part of the rationale behind the changes is to improve outcomes with a particular focus on Communication, Language and Literacy and to reduce the workload on practitioners. This will enable us to spend more time interacting, supporting and teaching children. Reducing Tapestry observations is one way we can reduce our workload. We understand that leaving your child and not having a window into their morning will be really challenging for some parents, however, we can all talk quicker than we can type, so please do talk to any one of us, or in particular, to your child's key person for mini-updates or to express any concerns.

This week at nursery we have some creative activities which we hope will culminate in entries for The Mickleham and Westhumble Horticultural Show. If you are a member of the nursery Facebook group you will have seen that we are looking for volunteers to bake cakes and serve refreshments on the day. You might even like to enter your own produce...we will gratefully accept any 'not quite show perfect' cakes on the refreshments stall! Here is the link to view the entry schedule (once on the website click on 'Show reports/schedules'): <http://www.mwhortsoc.org/>

If you have an hour to spare please let us know, if you are not child free, why not just pop along between 2.30 and 4.30 p.m. and support us by buying a piece of cake!

Bills: some parents have already enquired about billing ~ Hilary will provide forms for the children eligible for free entitlement hours. All other bills will be emailed directly once the term is underway and hours have settled.

The Nursery Team