

# ST MICHAEL'S MAIL

Nursery Newsletter

31st October 2021

**Hello from the nursery team:**

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

Dear parents and carers,

We hope you have enjoyed the week's holiday and that Sunday night wasn't too frightful!



At nursery this week we will be acting out the Diwali story. There is a monster in the story, but like all good fairy tales, he meets an unfortunate end! We will also be celebrating Bonfire Night and will talk about both fire and sparkler safety. On Wednesday and Friday we hope to toast marshmallows and/or bread in the forest school, so please ensure you pack waterproof trousers and expect your child to smell a little smokey! Please note that RoSPA strongly recommends that sparklers are not given to under 5's, a message that we will reinforce. Children will have the opportunity to create representations of fireworks (apologies, this will involve using some of our existing stock of glitter) be able to play with torches in the dark den and we will be singing some Bonfire Night inspired scarf songs.

Please see the attached Christmas Fair checklist from the committee, our Christmas Fair is a significant fundraiser for the nursery, we need your support to make it our most successful yet! Thinking of Christmas and Christmas shopping, do remember to register on our easyfundraising page if not already done so and your online purchases will raise money for the nursery.

[https://www.easyfundraising.org.uk/causes/stmichaelsnursery/?utm\\_campaign=raise-more&utm\\_medium=email&utm\\_content=rm-chts21-e1](https://www.easyfundraising.org.uk/causes/stmichaelsnursery/?utm_campaign=raise-more&utm_medium=email&utm_content=rm-chts21-e1)

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*Diary Dates:*

*Tuesday 9th November (confirmed - by Zoom - details to follow): Nursery AGM*

*Wednesday 1st December (timings tbc): Nursery Christmas Fair prep night*

*Saturday 4th December, 11am to 2pm: Nursery Christmas Fair - see checklist attached to email*

# THIS WEEK...

## Communication, Language & Literacy:

If your child eats any meals or snacks by themselves, introduce reading books to them at these times.

### Getting ready for mark-making:

Play a sorting game using tweezers or tongs to pick up, move and sort smaller items, such as raisins or buttons in a sectioned ice cube tray. This develops fine motor skills which help with writing later on.



Sound of the week:

**c and k**

Number of the week:

**8**

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

## Woodland Wonder

### Make a stick spider web:

Collect three fallen sticks (sticks with buds or nodes work best to stop the string from slipping down as you weave).

Tie the sticks together securely in the centre, making a star shape with them.

Tie string or wool to the middle and start to twist the string around the sticks to make a spiral. It doesn't matter what direction you go, just support your child to keep the string pulled tight between each twirl around each stick.

Tie the string off when you get to the end, hang them up outdoors and watch the wind twirl them around!

## c is conkers:

Play with conkers, in many different ways, has been very popular at nursery over the past few weeks.

How do you play with conkers at home? We would love to see your creations, or hear about your games!

## 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 'help':**



Help

## 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 1st: Albie**

**Tuesday 2nd: Felix**

**Wednesday 3rd: Fleur**

**Thursday 4th: Sam**

**Friday 5th: Cammie**

