



# ST MICHAEL'S MAIL

Nursery Newsletter

21st November 2021

**Hello from the nursery team:**

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

Dear parents and carers,

**VERY IMPORTANT** ~ because of the way Surrey is paying for 2022 funding periods we have no choice but to amend our term dates. Our Spring term will now not commence until 10th January, as opposed to 4th January as previously communicated. The additional week will now be added to our summer term. End of Summer term previously communicated as Friday 15th July 2022, will now be Thursday 21 July 2022. We apologise for the inconvenience, I can assure you staff were also looking forward to an extra week in July rather than in January!

At nursery this week we are having a shapes focus. We'll have shapes in the playdough, posting shapes, playing recognising shapes chasing games and have an obstacle shapes course. We will focus on 2D shapes, circle, square, oblong, triangle, hexagon, and diamond. We may add in the odd trapezium, but only because we have these in the magnetic tiles...and we might be asked! We will also continue singing Humph the Grumpy Camel, and note that some of the children are already singing at home!

Your Nursery Committee are working super hard to get all the preparations ready for our Christmas Fair. However, there are still lots of helpers spaces to fill. As a community nursery we rely on parents and carers to support the management, fundraising and community events of our catchment area. The Christmas Fair is OUR event. Currently only 19 of our 42 families have signed up to offer help! Many hands make light work! We are just asking for an hour of your time to support an event that will raise funds for your child's benefit! If you are unable to be there on the day, maybe you can support us by baking, donating or by purchasing a Christmas tree. Please ensure you offer your support to committee members who will be eagerly waiting with clipboard in hand to take your name!

Thank you in advance,

Hilary

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Diary Dates:

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

*Thursday 2nd December 7.30pm: Christmas Wreath Making Evening - see attached flyer - booking required*

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

*Friday 17th December: Christmas play and End of Term*

*Monday 10th January: Spring Term*

# THIS WEEK...

## Communication, Language & Literacy:

Reading books with repetitive phrases helps your pre-reader to get involved in storytelling. As they become familiar with the story allow pauses to let them complete phrases or guess rhyming words. Encourage them to suggest what might happen next...

Play with finger puppets, figurines, small vehicles or animals (small world play) will not only help develop fine motor skills but encourage imaginative play and storytelling.



## Woodland Wonder

The Jelly Ear (*Auricularia auricula-judae*), is one of the most common and easily identifiable of the jelly fungi. These remarkable fungi can freeze solid, dehydrate, defrost and rehydrate and still maintain their form. This makes them the perfect candidate for a fungi focus during the colder months.

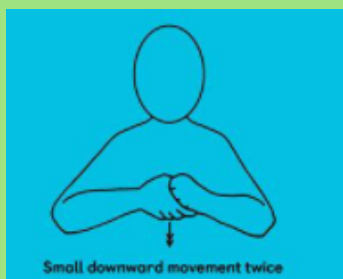
We are beginning to notice lots of fungus at forest school, and this is one of our favourites!



## 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)':**



Sound of the week:

**r**

Number of the week:

**12**

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

r is for robin:

Little Robin Redbreast sat upon a tree.  
Up went pussycat and down went he.  
Down came pussycat, away Robin ran,  
Says little Robin Redbreast, "Catch me if you can!"

Little Robin Redbreast jumped upon a spade.  
Pussycat jumped after him, and then he was afraid.  
Little Robin chirped and sang and what did pussy say?  
Pussycat said "Meow, meow, meow!", and Robin flew away!

Can you spot a Robin Red Breast this week?

## 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 22nd: Thomas C



Tuesday 23rd: Ottilie T

Wednesday 24th: Alexander D

Thursday 25th: Twiggy

Friday 26th: Charlotte



## Wreath Making Evening

To get you into the festive spirit come join the Friends of St. Michael's and make your very own decorative Christmas wreath using locally sourced materials.

2nd December 7.30- 10pm at St. Michael's School

£25 per person

Limited spaces available

Tuition and all materials included. Take home your own wreath.

Ticket price includes a tea / coffee/ hot chocolate. Mulled wine and mince pies available to purchase.

To book a place email [friendsofstmichaels2017@gmail.com](mailto:friendsofstmichaels2017@gmail.com) and let us know

Your name

Child's name

Class

No of tickets required

and pay via PayPal or bank transfer using Wreath/ your surname as payment reference.

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When paying by paypal please ensure you use the option to pay Friends and Family so that no additional charges are incurred.

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Look forward to seeing you there!