

ST MICHAEL'S MAIL

Nursery Newsletter

27th February 2022

Hello from the nursery team:

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

Dear parents and carers,

As I'm sure you are all aware there was an update regarding COVID-19 on Monday 21st February, some actions were immediate, others came into force on 24th February. Having carefully studied the updates and following what other local schools and settings are intending to implement, we have made only very minor changes to our COVID-19 policy (which you can find on our website).

Key elements:-

Whilst the legal requirement to self isolate if you have symptoms or have a confirmed case of COVID-19 has been removed, the United Kingdom Health Security Agency (UKHSA) advises that those persons should stay at home and avoid contact with other people.

<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/covid-19-people-with-covid-19-and-their-contacts/covid-19-people-with-covid-19-and-their-contacts>

To ensure the setting continues to provide a safe, healthy workplace and learning environment for all staff, children and other persons who may be affected by our activities, we support this guidance. We will also continue to implement what we consider 'safer behaviours', mask-wearing when entering the setting to collect children and requesting that children from positive households do not attend until the household is well. We are however sensitive to personal circumstances and may be able to make exceptions which will be at the discretion of the manager.

This week we are bear hunting! We will be using Michael Rosen's We're Going on a Bear Hunt as inspiration for our activities. Mud painting, cave(den) building, size sorting bears in brown gloop and acting out elements of the story. We hope to make cardboard tube binoculars (any cardboard tube donations most welcome) for our bear spotting, and of course, we will also be thinking about the 'weather' elements in the story too.

Please make sure you check trays for your World Book Day vouchers. Whilst we don't have a specific dress-up day, we know that some siblings will be doing so at schools, so do feel free to send children in appropriate costumes if they so wish.

Hilary

This week...

Communication, Language & Literacy:

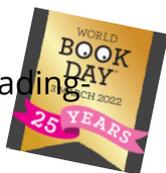
3rd March 2022 is World Book Day, look out for your child's book voucher in their tray.

The World Book Day website offers resources for families to celebrate reading, including activities, video stories and audio books to share:

<https://www.worldbookday.com/families/>

There's also a list of reading recommendations for early years:

<https://www.worldbookday.com/reading-recommendations/early-years/>



Sound of the week:

j

Number of the week:

8

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

J is for Jay:

The Jay is a colourful member of the corvid family, easily recognisable by its bright blue wing feathers. They are intelligent birds that are able to mimic other birds and animals.



Woodland Wonder:

Did you know that dandelions are edible? On pancake day this week why not try dandelion pancakes? Collect some dandelions from your garden (somewhere that you are confident an animal wouldn't have wee'd on them), wash and sprinkle them into your batter before you cook your pancakes.

The whole flower is edible, although the green bits can be a little bitter.



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.

Tuesday 1st: Dougie

Wednesday 2nd: Ted

Thursday 3rd: Twiggy

Friday 4th: Lina

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

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