



# ST MICHAEL'S MAIL

Nursery Newsletter

18th April 2022

**Hello from the nursery team:**

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

Dear parents and carers,

Welcome back! We hope you have had a fabulous Easter holiday, the weather has certainly been great for the last few days, and I'm sure you've been digging out the summer wardrobe!

Please continue to send in raincoats, obviously named and ensure your change of clothing bags reflect the changing weather! You may also want to consider applying suncream if the weather looks particularly sunny. The garden is usually quite shady in the summer, but not all the trees are in leaf yet so it may be better to be on the safe side. I know I have been caught out over the Easter holidays! Please be aware that, unless there is a medical reason, nursery staff do not apply sun cream to children, thus you may need to consider this when making your suncream choices, especially for children who stay for Forest School afternoons.

It's also the start of the tick season. There is lots of information regarding ticks on the internet, the attached leaflet is the most up to date advice from the UKHSA. Please do read and get into a good habit of checking for ticks after a day at nursery and especially if your child attends forest school sessions. We are lucky to have an abundance of wildlife around the nursery, but it also means we are in a high prevalence area for ticks.

With regard to Covid-19, we would ask that parents continue to be sensible and follow government guidelines for children who have symptoms of a respiratory infection, including Covid-19. The key message is:

**Children and young people who are unwell and have a high temperature should stay at home and avoid contact with other people, where they can. They can go back to school, college or childcare, and resume normal activities when they no longer have a high temperature and they are well enough to attend.** We will no longer request parents to wear face coverings when collecting children from nursery, but commend those that may continue to do so.

This week at Nursery we will be telling the story of St. George. Some of our activities will have knights, castles and dragons theme! We will also welcome back the nursery chicks that will take over the workshop for the next couple of weeks! There has been no change in the regulations regarding the housing of chickens and bird flu, so sadly the nursery adult chickens will continue to trash my garden where they are housed in accordance with current regulations.

Hilary

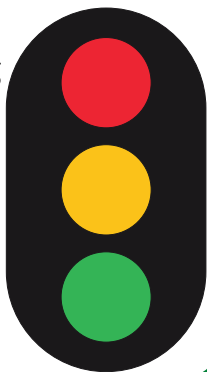
# This week...

## Communication, Language & Literacy:

Ready...Steady...Go!

Playing ready...steady...go games encourages your child to wait and listen carefully to the words. These are skills needed for good listening and talking. You can play with many different toys, indoors and outdoors - the important thing is for your child to wait for 'Go!' before doing the action. You could throw in a few silly 'fakes' (channel Hilary on nursery Sports' Day!) to challenge them and reinforce the need for good listening.

(Every Child a Talker)



Sound of the week:

**X**

Number of the week:

**6**

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

## Chick update!

We are looking forward to welcoming the chicks back to their new home in the garden workshop. Look how much they have grown!



## Woodland Wonder:

Bluebells! By now a lot of ancient woodlands are starting to fill out with these beautiful native flowers, and they look and smell absolutely stunning.

They're an important food source for bees, butterflies and hoverflies.

Did you know? Bees can 'steal' the nectar from bluebells by biting a hole in the bottom of the flower, meaning other insects miss out. Click [here](#) to find out more from The Woodland Trust.



## 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:**  
**To walk (walking)**

View a video [here](#)



walk

## 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 19th: Zoe**

**Wednesday 20th: Felicity**

**Thursday 21st: Willow**

**Friday 22nd: George Masters**