

ST MICHAEL'S MAIL

St. Michael's Nursery Newsletter

14th January 2024

**Hello from the nursery team:
Hilary, Jennie, Georgie, Lizzie, Louise and Sophie**

Dear parents and carers,

This week at nursery we will be taking our inspiration from the nursery rhymes Miss Polly had a Dolly, Polly put The Kettle on, I'm a Little TeaPot, Rock a Bye Baby, Jack and Jill and the song Head, Shoulders, Knees and Toes. We will have indoor water play with our tea set (learning about volume and capacity), a dolly clinic and small world hospital play.

The weather certainly turned chilly this week. Please check spare clothing bags to ensure spare clothing is suitable and still fits too! The technical clothing available now is really good and not too bulky to hinder free movement. Unfortunately we can't always remember who arrived in which hat, naming them will help us to return to their owners! If you are having trouble with gloves, in our experience, the ones that work best in the nursery environment are just the simple woolly mittens. No faffing with fingers, children can still use their hands to manipulate toys, and they fit well on the radiators. Several pairs are ideal so they can be swapped over when they get damp/muddy or lost! Amazon sell very reasonable multipacks. Please remember that if you have (sensibly) put children in extra thick socks.. their footwear needs to be sufficiently roomy to accommodate them. We had enough 'stumble trip's last week for me to need to mention this!

I will shortly be sending out forms for those children staying at nursery in September 2024 to amend/increase their hours. Please start to think about what hours you may want next year. If you have a funding form for this term, please return as soon as possible. I will also be asking existing funded children to re-sign their forms (which I hold) for this term. I currently have a space on a Wednesday morning. After Easter I will have some additional, but limited availability for extra/longer sessions, which will be allocated on a first come first served basis.

If you would like to increase your hours for the summer term, please email me.

For those children who are due to start school in September 2024, the deadline to complete your application is tomorrow (15th January)! <https://www.surreycc.gov.uk/schools-and-learning/schools/admissions/primary-junior-and-infant/apply/step-2-complete-the-form>

If it is your intention to defer your child, the application must still be completed by tomorrow's deadline, along with a request for delayed admission. <https://customer.surreycc.gov.uk/delayed-admission>

Finally, just a reminder that Messy Church is in the hall this Thursday 18th 3-4.45pm.

Hilary

This week...

Communication, Language and Literacy:

How often does your child see you handwriting? From their early days, children notice what adults do and this inspires them to have a go. The more your child sees you putting pen to paper, the more likely they will be inspired to follow your lead. You could write lists or notes and talk about what and why you are writing (I think I'll write a note so we don't forget...I need to make a list for our shopping trip...)



Number of the week:



Woodland Wonder:

With many of the trees bare of leaves it's easy to spot bird's nests high up in the branches. Using this as inspiration, gather some natural items together to make a nest with your child - sticks, moss, feathers, and leaves are a great start. Talk about how the bird weaves twigs to make it sturdy; what might a bird collect to build their nest? If it's for a robin, would it need to be bigger or smaller than a nest for another bird?



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 15th: Ralph

Tuesday 16th: Caspian

Wednesday 17th: Lennox

Thursday 18th: Oliver

Friday 19th: Tamsin

Our Star of the Day schedule is also displayed in the nursery window for future dates