

ST MICHAEL'S MAIL

St. Michael's Nursery Newsletter

28th January 2024

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

Dear parents and carers,

The children rather enjoyed the introduction of the Pirate Song and the end of the week was somewhat swashbuckling, so this week we are following the children's lead and fully embracing our inner pirate! We will have treasure to bury and find, both in sensory kinetic sand and metal detecting with magnets. We will have a pirate ship obstacle course including walking the plank and will also use old maps to create pirate treasure maps! Using the treasure maps we create we will be thinking about the language we can use to read the maps and discover the buried treasure (behind, above, in front of, next to etc). If you have a children's atlas at home this could be a good week to have a look at it with your child!

This weeks weather is looking a little more pleasant, without any rain. However wellies are still often required as the mud kitchen is often muddy underfoot too. Please help to save our carpet by ensuring your child, if they come in wearing wellies, also has a change of named footwear. You may have also noticed we have had a delivery of sand. We would very much appreciate parents' help to empty the sand into the sandpit. If you can stay for 10 minutes at morning drop off, or arrive a little early, many hands will make light work of it and hopefully it will all have been transported by the end of the week!

This week we will have a new face at Nursery as our new staff member Kelly joins us on Monday. Kelly will be working Monday, Wednesday, Thursday and Friday's.

Please remember that next week we have two INSET days, Thursday 8th & Friday 9th February. Also, requests for additional/change of hours from September 2024 need to be submitted either by paper copy or emailed before Friday 9th February.

Hilary

This week...

Communication, Language and Literacy:

Our nursery rhyme theme has proved very popular over the past couple of weeks, resulting in lots of spontaneous singing during play around the nursery. Songs and nursery rhymes can play an important role in your child's language development. Repetition is the key to your child being able to join in...pause at the end of a line or sentence to give them the chance to join in and fill in the missing word e.g. 'The wheels on the bus go round and round all day ...' Don't worry if your child doesn't do so, after a pause say the word for your child, they might be ready to join in next time. (Every Child a Talker)

Did you know that we focus on phonic letter sounds (rather than letter names) at Nursery? Click on [THIS LINK](#) for a video demonstrating how to correctly pronounce the phonic sounds

Number of the week:



Woodland Wonder:

Blue tits are particularly busy in February searching for safe, warm sites ready for building a nest (they like to be organised!). In fact, they are the garden bird species most likely to use nest boxes so if you've been thinking about putting one up... now is the time! As blue tit's can lay up to 16 eggs you could be well rewarded for your efforts!

Find out more at <https://www.rspb.org.uk/birds-and-wildlife/blue-tit>



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 29th: Oscar B

Tuesday 30th: Jonny

Wednesday 31st: Rudy

Thursday 1st Feb: Millie

Friday 2nd: Sebastian

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