

ST MICHAEL'S MAIL

St. Michael's Nursery Newsletter

7th January 2024

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

Dear parents and carers,

We had a lovely gentle start to the new term and particularly enjoyed hearing about Christmas activities and visits from Father Christmas! It was also lovely to see some of your nativity recordings on Tapestry, and quite amazing that the songs are still being sung independently, some 3 weeks later! The company we usually use for our nativity plays is 'out of the ark'. We have been asked about copies of words etc, you can access snippets from the out of the ark website <https://www.outoftheark.co.uk/away-in-a-manger.html>, but even with the performance licence, legally we can't offer photocopies of the scripts.

This week our rhyme is Old MacDonald had a farm. We will have farm related toys and games, act out the rhyme and explore other farm animals related rhymes. Please share with us your child's favourite on Tapestry! Some of our chickens have just started to lay eggs too, so if your child is the star, remind us to check for eggs.

During this week I will print out and put in trays, funding application forms for those children that turned 3 last term. Please complete and return as soon as possible. Alas as you will see from the attached, it is necessary for the nursery to increase fees for non funded children from April. It would be helpful for our financial planning for us to know if younger children will be applying for funding for two year olds from April.

Thank you to Alice who is taking over the role of bookkeeper from this term. Please remember that the nursery committee are all volunteers and we would not run without their continued commitment to the nursery.

Also a reminder that the car park will be busy on Thursday, as The Hall is being used for a memorial gathering. The car park is likely to be busy at both 12.15 and 2.45 pick up times. It may help if you double park, especially at the Forest school end as those are usually staff cars.

Hilary

This week...

Personal, Social and Emotional Development:

Role play is great for expanding your child's imagination, introducing new vocabulary and developing social skills like turn-taking and listening. By letting your child take the lead in a game, they will gain confidence in communicating. At nursery we provide continuous and varied resources to support and inspire role play.



Number of the week:



Woodland Wonder:

We will be keeping an eye out for the first signs of daffodils and snowdrops at forest school. Snowdrops are one of the first flowers that appear in the new year, and depending on the weather, they will flower between January and April. Keep a look out for any little shoots while you're walking in the woods.



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 8th: Nora

Tuesday 9th: Ossian

Wednesday 10th: Fabian

Thursday 11th: Stefa

Friday 12th: Teddy

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