



# ST. MICHAEL'S MAIL

St. Michael's Nursery Newsletter

13th April 2024

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

Dear parents and carers,

We hope you had a lovely Easter break and managed to find plenty to keep your little ones occupied on the endless days of rain!

This week at nursery will have a pets focus! Along with some animal songs and games, we will have some vet role play set up, play with our small world pets, explore making homes for our soft toy pets, canter around the garden on our hobby horses or pretend we are playing dog agility! If you have a pet at home please share a photo on Tapestry and we can talk about your pets with your child, we may even have a visit from staff pets, or let us know if your well behaved pet would like to pop in too.

If you have not yet had a spring term reflection chat with your child's key person, please arrange to do so, these can be over the phone if that's more convenient.

**MAD day:** On Tuesday 30th April we will welcome some students from Boxhill School to help us with various tasks around the nursery. Prior to that day we would appreciate some volunteering from parents to cut wood in the Forest School area, chain saws required. Please let Hilary know your availability...even better sort out a little woodcutter WhatsApp group to coordinate your time?

Funding forms for the Summer term will be put in children's trays for new claimants, and a table will be set up for existing claimants to re-sign forms. If you are now claiming working parents funding for two year olds, you will need to provide your funding code and NI number on the claim form.

Termly reminder ~ please name coats/outerwear and footwear, and ensure the spare clothing in your child's bag is replenished and fits them!

We have a space available this term on a Monday morning, or until 2.45 if your child is in their pre-reception year.

We have several dates for your diaries this Summer term ~

Tuesday 25th June: New parents' social evening

Saturday 6th July: Mickleham and Westhumble Summer Fair

Wednesday 10th July: Nursery end of term show

Saturday 13th July: Mickleham and Westhumble Horticultural Show

Wednesday 17th July: Sports day ~ younger children

Thursday 18th July: Sports day ~ older children

Friday 19th July: End of term leavers' party

We will also have parents evening chats for leavers ~ dates to be confirmed.

Hilary

# This week...

## Communication, Language & Literacy:

A guessing game: Hang on to old magazines or catalogues, cut out pictures of different household items, toys or clothes - let your child try some snipping too to work on their scissor skills. Put the pictures face down in a pile. Take turns picking up a picture (without showing it) and describing it for the other person to guess. For example: 'it's something soft and fluffy, you find it in the bathroom; you use it to get dry after your bath' At first you may need to help when it's your child's turn to do the describing, by asking them questions, such as 'what does it feel like?' 'what do you use it for?' 'where would you find it?' Your child may also enjoy gluing and sticking the pictures after the game. (Every Child a Talker)

## Number of the week:



## Woodland Wonder:

Go on a woodland or garden safari and see what insects you can find...talk about their features, how many legs/wings, colours, size, what they might eat, habitat etc. You could take some photos to record and talk about your findings later.

Find out more about the insects you find at [The Woodland Trust](#)



## 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 16th: Teddy

Wednesday 17th: Immy

Thursday 18th: Lina

Friday 19th: Suki

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