



# ST. MICHAEL'S MAIL

St. Michael's Nursery Newsletter

12th May 2024

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

Dear parents and carers,

The children have really been enjoying the sensory focused activities and we have seen them sustaining focus and interest for a really good length of time. Have you noticed any language changes at home... such as asking how something feels or telling you how something feels? We will continue with more sensory activities this week. Plus we will be 'planting' a runner bean in a clear cup so we can watch as it germinates. These will be sent home for children to look after at home so please do keep the paper towel moist and watch as your bean grows. It's not a very disguised teaser as to what we are planning for our summer play!

The weather last week caught several of us out! Please remember that at nursery we do not apply sunscreen to your child unless they have been prescribed it by a doctor. There are many sunscreens on the market that provide all day protection and these should be applied before your child comes into nursery. If your child is particularly sun sensitive then please send them in light loose full sleeved, full legged clothing. The garden is shady but there are patches where, as the trees are not yet in full leaf, the sun will come through. Please check that spare clothing in kit bags is appropriate for the weather, and that sun hats are named. Waterproof leg wear should now be the non fleece lined type! Top tip...if you are not handing down waterproofs, then just cut the fleece out and hey presto.. you have a summer weight set of waterproofs! Those pesky ticks beat us to it last week too! Staff had been commenting that the warmer weather would be bringing out the ticks and indeed we have had a report of one blighter already. Please see the attached tick leaflet. We do tend to have incidences of tick bites every year so please be vigilant, daily bath-times are a good way of spotting them. It is because of the ticks and nettles that we request that children who attend forest school wear full length trousers and ideally waterproofs too.

Messy church is this Thursday in the Village Hall.

*Do you have bookkeeping experience?* We are looking to potentially employ a bookkeeper, if you would like to find out a little more please speak to Sophie (Harry's mum) or Alice (Ralph's mum).

Hilary

## **Diary Dates for Summer Term:**

Friday 14th June: Fathers' Day breakfast

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

Date TBC: Parent's evening dates for leavers

# This week...

## Knowledge and Understanding of the World:

Last week some of our afternoon children enjoyed a listening walk around the village. We stopped along the way and listened to the sounds around us, we heard birds singing; car tyres crunching on gravel, bees buzzing. A sensory walk can focus on different ways to find out about and explore the world around us – through sight, hearing, touch, smell.



## Number of the week:



## Woodland Wonder:

Did you know we make our own charcoal to mark make with at forest school? The children help us to whittle the bark off willow branches which are then cut to size and packed tightly into an old syrup tin which has holes punched in the lid. The tin is then put onto the fire, the willow burns and turns to charcoal.



## 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 12th: Henry

Tuesday 13th: Harry

Wednesday 14th: Xanthe

Thursday 15th: Kealan

Friday 16th: Skye

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