



ST. MICHAEL'S MAIL

St. Michael's Nursery Newsletter

23rd June 2024

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

Dear parents and carers,

This week at nursery we are going to make the most of the forecast weather!! We are planning on LOTS of water play so please ensure your spare clothing bags are full with appropriate summer spares! A change of footwear could really be helpful too, although we will encourage the children not to wear shoes whilst playing in and with water, some will find it too hard to wait...and some will leave footwear in the line of water squirter fire! We will also continue with football activities and play with rainbows.

Snack ~ please remember to bring in an item of fruit/vegetable for your child to share at snack time. The volume of items brought in to share has been very sporadic recently, which means we are regularly dipping into our emergency supply of tinned offerings. We really don't want to get into a situation where we have to make an additional charge in order to provide snacks. The system of bringing in an item when your child is in nursery has worked for years and has allowed us to offer a range of items every day. We are not quite sure why it's not working at the moment, hopefully this reminder will solve the issue!

We've had lots of lovely wow moments to celebrate children's achievements, if you don't know about wow moments, maybe it's been a while since you last read your parent guidebook??

Our end of term show, Jack and the Beanstalk, will be on Wednesday 10th July. It will start at 11.30 and take about half an hour. All children are invited to participate even if they don't normally attend nursery on a Wednesday. Weather permitting we plan to perform the show on the grass area outside the nursery. Parents are welcome to invite grandparents to watch the show too! Play parts are not yet allocated, but all younger children (born from 01/09/20) will be 'sky' and will ideally need to wear plain blue or white clothing, t-shirt & leggings will be ideal. We would really appreciate some help to set up/pack away chairs, thank you. We will also start practising for our sports days this week.

Summer Holiday playdates. We will shortly be putting out a list for parents to sign up to host a playdate over the summer holidays. Because our children are spread over quite a wide geographical area, we have found that they don't very often bump into each other during the summer holidays. It is really helpful for children to have continuity in seeing larger groups of friends. It genuinely makes a difference to how they re-settle at nursery or settle into their new schools. The playdates are an ideal way to keep that contact for both children and parents! Please help to keep this tradition going and sign up to 'host' a playdate during the summer, it doesn't have to be at your house!! It can be a meeting at a park, Mickleham Recreation ground...or even tiddling at Abinger Hammer...all good!

School leavers parents evenings will be on Thursday 11th and Monday 15th July. We have not allocated appointment slots yet, but will do so shortly.

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Leavers' Tapestry Accounts will be set to download over the summer holiday. Tapestry have joined forces with 'group hugs' and for a fee of about £15, will print your child's journal.

<https://single.grouphugs.co.uk/>. We will send out this information again once the term has ended and journals are ready to download.

Don't forget to look at the horticultural show catalogue, there are usually a few on the table outside the nursery or you can follow the link from this page <http://www.mwhortsoc.org/community/mickleham-and-westhumble-horticultural-society-15381/home/>

Annoyingly I am busy that weekend or I would have certainly been entering my death by flapjacks, I might have even added some honey to the recipe to link them to the nursery entry 'bees'.

We are also selling programme entries to the Mickleham Village Summer Fair. Please remember to bring in £2 for your copy.

Both the Summer Fair and Horticultural Show are events where our local community contribute to support the nursery. We understand people have busy lives, however, being part of the community is essential for the running of the nursery hence why your participation in the 'life of the nursery' is part of your parent contract. Please contact the fundraising committee to sign up to help at these events.

We have had several cases of chickenpox reported. Please see the attached link for NHS advice.

<https://www.nhs.uk/conditions/chickenpox/>

Thank you.

Hilary

Diary Dates for 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

Monday 11th & Thursday 15th July:
School leavers' parents evenings

Saturday 13th July:
Mickleham and Westhumble Horticultural Show

Wednesday 17th July:
Sports day (younger children)

Thursday 18th July:
Sports day (older children) &
End of Term (younger children)

Friday 19th July:
End of Term - leavers' party

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 24th: Ralph

Tuesday 25th: Immy

Wednesday 26th/27th: Caspian

Thursday 27th: Saskia

Friday 28th: Woody

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