

ST. MICHAEL'S MAIL

St. Michael's Nursery Newsletter

7th July 2024

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

Dear parents and carers,

Thank you to the parents who were able to support the Village Fete, either by creating the Human Fruit Machine, being part of the machine, or coming to show your support for our community. It was a little damp at times, but still a lovely fun event and the chickens enjoyed the outing!

This weekend is the Mickleham and Westhumble Horticultural Show, which is in the Village Hall and the event we will need homemade cakes for as the Nursery is hosting the cafe. If you are not a cake baker, please do ask a grandparent or offer your time to make teas! The children have been busy making paper plate bees to exhibit in the show. Please come and support the event 2.30pm-4.30pm.

This Wednesday is the end of term show. The show will start at 11.30 and take about half an hour. We still hope it will be outside on the grassy area (despite it thundering as I type!) and will need parent helpers to set up chairs please. As previously mentioned, all children are invited to join, even if they do not normally attend on a Wednesday. These children should arrive at 11.15 toileted and in costume. All younger children are asked to wear plain blues and or whites to look like 'sky' and older children will have a costume in a bag on their peg. Please let us know if your child is NOT attending.

Next weeks sports days ~ our sports days usually start at 11.30 and again last about half an hour. We separated the age groups in covid times and it worked well, hence we continue to operate sports day in this way. Children race in teams and we will release team colours later this week (we occasionally need to make adjustments for sickness etc!)

Younger children's sports day is on Wednesday 17th July: Younger children who do not normally attend on a Wednesday should arrive at nursery wearing a top in their team colour and already toileted at 11.15am.

Older Children's Sports day is on Thursday 18th July: Older children who do not normally attend on a Thursday should arrive at nursery wearing a top in their team colour and already toileted at 11.15am.

It appears unlikely but should we need to adjust the timings for very hot weather we will advise in the next newsletter. This is the last day of term for our younger children.

Friday 19th July is leavers' party day for children who start school in September. Children may wear fancy dress and we have a bouncy castle and party games planned. Please note drop off is a little later at 9.30a.m. and pick up is at 12.30pm (ish!). The children will have eaten lunch of sausages, peas and our own potatoes, and a cup cake.

Hilary

Diary Dates for Summer Term:

Wednesday 10th July, 11.30am: Nursery end of term show

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

Saturday 13th July, 2.30pm: Mickleham and Westhumble Horticultural Show

Wednesday 17th July, 11.30am: Sports day ~ younger children

Thursday 18th July, 11.30am: Sports day ~ older children & End of Term (younger children)

Friday 19th July, 9.30am: Leavers' party and End of Term

This week...

Communication, Language & Literacy:

Children acquire spoken language by being surrounded by talk. All types of talk...functional, discussion, explanation, questioning and wondering. Similarly young children learn about reading and writing as they observe and get involved in real, purposeful literacy activities in their everyday lives.

There are many ways you can engage children in talk and create a language and literacy rich environment at home, and probably many that you are already doing...



Try...**Reading environmental print:** names of shops, streets, and places; street signs, labels and logos on clothes, bags, t-shirts, games and toys; print on transport, such as buses, trains and taxis...

Number of the week:



Woodland Wonder:

*Ladybird, ladybird, fly away home!
Your house is on fire, your children all gone,
All but one, and her name is Ann,
And she crept under the pudding pan!*

Ladybirds are fascinating creatures, popular with children due to their bright colour...their babies look very different to the adult Ladybird we all know and love! Why not look up the lifecycle of the Ladybird together?



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: Jonny

Tuesday 9th: Robyn

Wednesday 10th: **PLAY**

Thursday 11th: Lina

Friday 12th: Sebastian

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