

# ST MICHAEL'S MAIL

St. Michael's Nursery Newsletter

15th September 2024

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

Dear parents and carers,

This week at nursery we will be space 'light'. Not changing our environment significantly, but adding in a few space themed resources as several children have shown an interest in this theme. We'll be singing some space themed rhymes, and you may spot the odd alien!

As you are aware we are already a nut free zone. We now need to add sesame and haricot beans to our restricted foods list.

**Snack table:**

Due to the shared nature of snacks, items for the snack table **MUST NOT contain NUTS, SESAME or haricot beans**, we can also not offer products labelled with precautionary labelling (e.g may contain traces, not suitable for someone with an allergy to, produced in a factory that also processes etc). Any processed foods **MUST** be in original packaging.

**Lunch boxes:**

Lunch box items **MUST NOT contain NUTS or SESAME**. Precautionary labelled products in original packaging are permitted. There are many very popular foods that do contain sesame e.g. houmous, breadsticks. Please help us by checking ingredients carefully.

The start of a new term is always a busy time, this year particularly so as the Nursery goes through the re-registration process to become a Charitable Incorporated Organisation. Your Nursery Trustees have been working very hard to carry this process to its fruition, and we are almost there! In the meantime, this does have some impact on normal nursery administration, and in particular the funding system, which has also been updated by Surrey this term. Please be patient whilst we navigate the various challenges.

You can help by ensuring parent documents e.g. admissions forms and funding forms are completed as requested. We will shortly (probably next week!) be sending funding forms home for you to complete!...Oh!! and labelling children's outer clothing and footwear does prevent daily frustrations!!

Thank you for your help.

Hilary

# This week...

## Communication, Language & Literacy:

Getting ready for mark-making...  
Encouraging your child to dress and undress themselves isn't just about developing a sense of independence. Learning to do fastenings such as zips, buttons and poppers helps to develop the hand strength and fine motor skills essential for mark-making.



**Did you know that we focus on phonic letter sounds (rather than names) at Nursery?**  
**Click on [this link](#) for a video demonstrating how to correctly pronounce the phonic sounds**

## Number of the week:



## Woodland Wonder:

With Autumn on it's way, the conditions are perfect for spotting Roman snails in and around the nursery. Roman snails are large, edible land-breathing snails and are easily spotted by their size and striped shell. We are lucky to have a thriving population in Mickleham, you may also spot them around the playground.

Please be mindful that these snails are a protected species and must not be moved from their habitat.



## Star of the Day

Please upload to Tapestry a photo or short video of something special that your child would like to share with us at nursery.

**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 16th: Oscar M**

**Tuesday 17th: Alfie**

**Wednesday 18th: Florka**

**Thursday 19th: Albert**

**Friday 20th: Ossian**

*Our star of the day schedule is also displayed in the nursery window for future dates*