

# ST MICHAEL'S MAIL

St. Michael's Nursery Newsletter

10th November 2024

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

Dear parents and carers,

After last week's glitter mark making fireworks, you'll be delighted to know we have no plans for glitter this week! We will however have clay as we start to make keepsake Christmas decorations. Clay supplied and decorations created are being fired by Elly, Percy's mummy. Thank you Elly! We will also be starting to learn our Nativity songs. The nativity will be on Wednesday 18th December. The play usually starts at about 11.30am and will last half an hour-ish! Please do make plans for time off work if necessary and mention it to grandparents, as all are welcome! We plan to walk to the village war memorial on Monday, and as per last weeks newsletter, at nursery we talk to the children about why we wear poppies at this time of year, we try to answer any questions in a simple and factual way but our underlying message is 'we wear poppies to say thank-you to the soldiers/service people who help to keep us safe.

We have some new faces in the nursery. Faith has joined us as a nursery practitioner, Justyn as a volunteer, and Elaine (whom some of you with older siblings will remember) will also be popping in to volunteer on an ad hoc basis as she misses the nursery family! We are still recruiting for a new SENCO and will be holding interviews shortly.

Please can I remind parents that we are a nut and sesame seed free setting. We have on several occasions needed to contact parents as lunch boxes appear to contain food items we cannot allow. It is quite challenging for staff to tell the difference between sesame and some other seeds. Please, if you are providing your child with an item that contains seeds, pop in an ingredient list or a note to confirm the seeds are not sesame. That way we know you are adhering to the ruling and have not just on this occasion forgotten. As we have previously informed, 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.

May we also remind parents that emergency contact numbers should be contactable, on the rare occasion that they may not be, we should have an alternative.

As I'm sure you all know from the parent WhatsApp group, we have our Annual Parent Meeting on 7.30p.m. on Tuesday 12th November at the Running Horses.

Hilary

## **Diary Dates:**

Tuesday 12th November: Annual Parent Meeting

Wednesday 18th December: Nursery Nativity and end of term

# This week...

## Communication, Language and Literature:

Interactive books with flaps, buttons and sounds can engage and ignite an interest in books that will start your child on their journey to reading. You can borrow books from your local library, our nursery library or you could start that Christmas shopping list!

Get your child involved in creating birthday, Christmas or thank you cards. The perfect opportunity to mark-make, draw and colour, add stickers and stamps - and exercise those fine motor muscles - they might even like to have a go at signing their name.

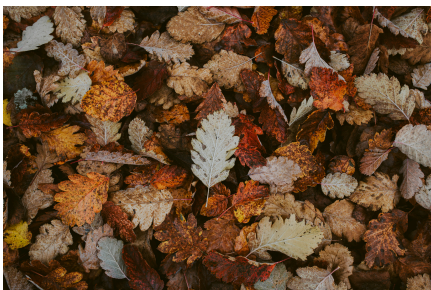


## Number of the week:



## Woodland Wonder:

Leaves, glorious leaves! Last week you may have noticed the thick carpet of leaves in the nursery garden. Rather than quickly clear them all away they became part of our play! We made piles of leaves and jumped in them, made leaf collages and non-permanent leaf art, used them as a mud kitchen ingredient and spent time looking at and comparing the differences in shape, colour and size. Later in the week the rakes came out and we all worked together collecting and transporting them in wheelbarrows. There are so many ways to play and learn with nature's free resource!



## 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. Two or three photos/videos is plenty!

**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 11th: Persephone**

**Tuesday 12th: Alice**

**Wednesday 13th: Martina**

**Thursday 14th: No star today!**

**Friday 15th: Jake**

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