

# ST MICHAEL'S MAIL

St. Michael's Nursery Newsletter

24th November 2024

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

Dear parents and carers,

More Christmas activities this week - gluing, sticking and sparkles! Hopefully you are starting to hear some Christmas songs being sung at home too, the children are learning them super quickly!

Just some advice regarding clothing and footwear in cold weather as we had several children last week that found the cold weather especially challenging. We can manage cold weather when we are dressed appropriately and if you are unsure, below are some good tips that work in our environment.

- Good quality base layers ~ a thermal long sleeve top and long johns too if it is especially cold. Shops like Mountain Warehouse sell these very reasonably. Tights will also help if you can't get long johns to fit.
- Warm trousers – fleecy ones like jogging trousers or tracksuit bottoms. Avoid skinny denim type trousers!
- A long-sleeved T-shirt or thinner top.
- A fleece type sweater (preferably one that zips up) or similar warm jumper that is not too bulky.
- Socks – a thin “normal” pair and then a thick pair of ski, thermal or woolly socks. Please ensure that wellies are roomy enough to accommodate a thicker sock. If they are too tight, feet will still get cold.
- Fleece lined dungaree type waterproof trousers and warm waterproof coat ~ Lidl ones are excellent and reasonably priced.
- Bulk pack of woolly type mittens. Mittens are generally better as fingers can still move in them...bulky fingered gloves are difficult to put on and children tend not to be able to use their fingers to pick anything up when wearing them! The bulk pack is for spares when they get wet and/or lost!
- A tubular scarf or neck snood rather than a long scarf that needs tying.
- A woolly/fleece lined hat that your child is expected to wear when they go out with you too!
- Footwear ~ an investment in a pair of neoprene wellies is a good one! They last three seasons and keep feet warmer in cold weather and feet don't seem to get hot in warmer weather. Snow boots, but only invest if you will use them for playing at home too.
- A smear of vaseline or similar on cheeks will help prevent cold chaffed soreness!
- Excessive bulk may also mean you have a cold child. If clothing is too bulky it will restrict movement and prevent your child from managing to keep themselves warm.

We absolutely suggest Lidl, vinted, charity shops, Mountain Warehouse or similar and re-named hand me downs, however the following are some companies that are recommended for Forest School gear and may be worth a look with Black Friday deals: [The Warm Welly Company](#); [Happy Little Soles](#); [Heat Holders](#); [Didriksons](#)

If your child comes to nursery wearing wellies, please remember to provide normal footwear for when we are in the nursery building.

We have several bags of leaves ~ would anyone be able to take them to re-cycle or add to their own household brown bin? We are running short of logs in Forest School, an adult proficient with an axe could help by splitting some of our bigger ones?

Thank you!

Hilary

**Diary Dates:**

Saturday 7th December: St. Michael's Christmas Fair

Wednesday 18th December: Nursery Nativity and end of term

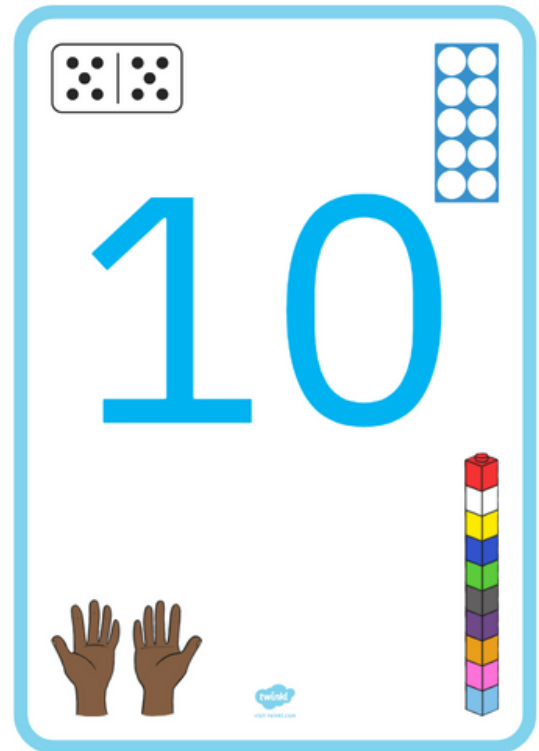
# This week...

## Communication, Language and Literacy:

The development of spoken language underpins all other areas of learning and development in the early years and a language rich environment is crucial. While the children have been busy having fun learning the story and new songs for our nativity they have been building their language skills - learning new vocabulary, language structures and developing comprehension.



## Number of the week:



## Woodland Wonder:

Give the birds a Christmas treat by making some bird-friendly tree decorations. First make some popcorn, then thread the popcorn (using a needle and strong thread) to make a popcorn chain. You could add raisins or dried cranberries for colour and an extra tasty treat. Drape your popcorn chain on a tree or bush outside and watch as the birds enjoy them. You can make the chain as long as you would like to fit the tree, or make shorter dangly decorations to hang from the branches.



## 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 25th: Oscar M**

**Tuesday 26th: Evan**

**Wednesday 27th: Seth**

**Thursday 28th: No star today!**

**Friday 29th: Albert**

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