



St Mary's Nursery

Newsletter September 2018
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Dear Parents/Carers

Dates for your Diary

Nursery Photographs	Tuesday 2nd October
Nursery Curricular Evening	Thursday 4 th October 6-7pm
October break	Monday 15th October
Return from October break	Tuesday 25 th October
Halloween Dress Up Day	Wednesday 31st October
Children in Need Day PM Children	TBC
Children in Need Day AM Children	TBC

Welcome Back!

The term is already racing along and it's difficult to believe that September is nearly over already! Welcome to our afternoon children, who have been busy exploring the activities in the nursery, learning the new routines and making new friends. We are looking forward to welcoming our next intake of afternoon children after the October break. Throughout the nursery, the children have been developing their interest in the Fire Brigade. The a.m. children thoroughly enjoyed their visit from the fire engine and fire officers. Please come and look at our Learning Wall to see what they've created. We now have a fairy tree in our nursery garden which developed from our art area inside. Please check out our floor book in the cloakroom to see all of our learning. The children have also been investigating ideas of measure - testing out which items are lighter/heavier, bigger/ smaller etc...

As it is the start of the new school year, there are a few things that we would like to draw your attention to:

Self-Registration

Just a gentle reminder to tick your child in and if your child leaves nursery early please initial when your child is leaving the building. We would remind you that it is important to do so as this is our record of attendance. The children are enjoying taking responsibility for putting their names to the snack board. Just a reminder also to check your 'mail pockets' located in the cloakroom for any letters that might be waiting for your attention!

Absences

There will be occasions when your child will not be able to attend nursery, whether due to illness or for other reasons. Parents are required to contact the nursery to confirm their child's absence, and we would be very grateful if you could phone us at the beginning of your child's session.

Please note: the nursery telephone number is: 01620 825695

Outdoor Focus Group and Parent Helpers

We are always looking to improve the nursery environment and discuss ideas with our parents and children. We would like to invite parents/carers to help develop and maintain the outdoor area. We intend to set up a Saturday morning group 10.30am - 12pm (once every few months) where volunteers would be greatly appreciated to do some garden maintenance and look at ways to develop more features in the garden. Please fill in the tear off slip below, if you can come and support us, or to find out more about the groups.

We also have a parent helper's calendar in the entrance area, for anyone who would like to come and help us, in any way, during our daily sessions. Whether this is reading books in the story corner, playing games, baking or playing a musical instrument. The nursery link with parent/carers is very important to us and we look forward to welcoming you.

Photographer in the Nursery

The school photographs will take place on Tuesday 2nd October. If you would like a family photo please bring your nursery child and their siblings to St. Mary's School entrance (not the nursery entrance) for 8:45 that morning so that they can be photographed together.

Halloween and Children in Need

Traditionally, we invite the children to come to nursery in a fancy dress costume (but no masks, please) for some Halloween games and apple dooking. Please name any pieces of costume to avoid confusion. We will also be joining the school in a dressing up event for Children in Need where the children can wear spots. Date to be confirmed.

Independent Children

We like to encourage children to be as independent as possible in the nursery. To help us achieve this, you could encourage your child to practice putting on their own shoes and coat and be as independent as possible in their toileting. Shoes with laces are not very practical when there are lots of children trying to get ready at the same time, **so could we ask that, if at all possible, your child does not come to nursery wearing shoes with laces.** Could you also ensure that all items of clothing are named to avoid confusions and lost property. Thank you.

Illness - Department of Health Guidance

Please do not bring your child to nursery if they have had sickness or diarrhoea within the previous 48 hours. This will stop the spread of any virus to other children. If you are unsure whether your child should attend nursery because of illness please phone and speak to staff.



Could we also ask parents/carers to check their children's hair on a regular basis to try and prevent the number of incidents of head lice in the nursery.

Wet Play Outdoors

We are now at that time of year when the weather is likely to be predictably 'indifferent'! Most children still love to be outdoors, no matter what. With this in mind, could we ask you to ensure that your child has wellies and a waterproof coat at nursery so that they can make the most of outdoor play. It might also be helpful to include a change of clothes in their peg bag.

If anyone has wellies that they are ready to part with, we would be very grateful if you could send them our way.

Comment box

Can we draw your attention to the comment box in the entrance area? You might have a comment or suggestion that you would like to offer about some aspect of the nursery. Please feel free to leave a comment. We are also providing a section at the bottom of this newsletter for any suggestions you might like to make.

Queries and Concerns

We offer an 'open door' policy and welcome the opportunity to discuss any queries that you might have regarding your child, either informally when dropping or picking up your child or by private appointment, if preferred.

Website Information

Parents and Carers might like to know that if they subscribe to the school website, they will receive regular updates on nursery events and activities, and possibly even photos of their child at work. The web address is : <http://www.edubuzz.org/st-marys/>

Thank you,

The Nursery staff

Name : _____ Child's name: _____

I would like to attend the outdoor development group

Comments Section.

Please feel free to let us know of any ideas or suggestions you would like to make:

Thank you.