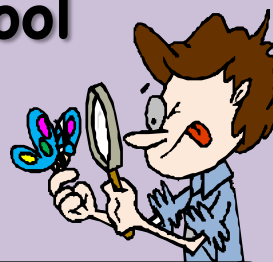




St Mary's Nursery School

May Newsletter



"Play is often talked about as if it were a relief from serious learning. But for children play is serious learning. Play is really the work of childhood." – Fred Rogers

Our School will be closed:

Monday 6th & Friday 24th May – Exceptional Closure Days

Monday 27th to Friday 31st May – Mid-Term Break



Annual Parents Report

The Annual Parents Report for 2018/2019 will be given out this month. This report will be discussed at the Parents Night in the Pastoral Centre on Wednesday 22nd May. All current parents are welcome to attend this meeting.

Transition Schools

The children are being encouraged to recognise their friends transitioning onto their new primary schools. To that end they sit together at dinner times during May and June so that we can foster their awareness of their friend's names. This will hopefully reassure them when they see familiar faces in the playground and classrooms of their new "big" school!"

Child Safety

Please ensure you leave your child directly into the Quiet Room in the mornings or hand them over to a member of staff if school has commenced. Please do not leave them at the classroom door, as a staff member needs to be aware of their presence for their own safety.

Sharing from the Start



This month we will be joining our friends at Seaview Nursery Unit for sessions with 'Gathering Drum'. Room 1 visited on Tuesday 30th April and Room 2 will visit on Tuesday 7th May.

We will also be welcoming our friends from Lowwood and Seaview nursery units on Wednesday 22nd May for a marvellous morning with Mr Hullabaloo! Our final joint performance with Mr Hullabaloo will be on Wednesday 5th June.

Names on Uniforms

Please ensure your child's uniform is clearly marked with their name.

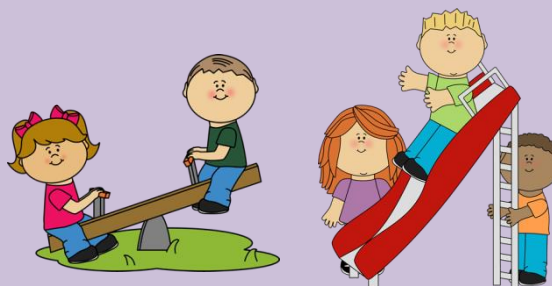
Toothbrushes



To encourage good oral hygiene amongst the children, they shall be provided with individual toothbrushes and encouraged to brush their teeth after dinner for the month of May. These toothbrushes will then be sent home with them. This will commence Tuesday 7th May.

Road Safety Awareness topics

This month our topic is playing safely outside.



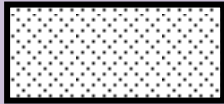
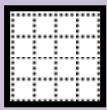
May altar

Please encourage your child to bring in a few flowers for Our Lady's altar during the month of May.

Interest List

If you would like to leave the details of your younger children in the office we would put your child's name on a list to send you information in your child's pre-school year.

Maths for the month



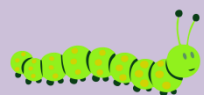
This month's colour is purple. Please encourage your child to look out for different colours in their environment, especially purple. We shall also be reinforcing the shapes rectangle and square. The children's mathematical language will continue to be fostered throughout the learning environment.

Topics for the month



This month's topic is The Environment, Mini-beasts and Litter. The children's knowledge and appreciation of their environment and awareness of conservation issues will be heightened in our outdoor play environment.

We shall also be continuing our work on developing your child's pre writing and pre reading skills in preparation for primary school and enjoying 'Fairytale' stories.



Talking Tip

Help your child develop good language and communication skills with this tip:

- * Help your child to use more words by adding to what they've said, eg if they said "ball" you might say, "Yes, a red ball".
- * If your child says something incorrectly, say it back the right way, eg "Goggy bited it", "Yes, the dog bit it, didn't he?".

You can help your child at home by ...

- 1) Involving your children in baking, rolling and cutting activities using smaller tools - discussing how food changes when it is cooked.
- 2) Allowing your children to wash, dry and put some dishes away - growing their awareness of how to organise a space, ie the cupboard.

Dear Parents

The DOE have asked us to share their concerns about the proper use of seatbelts and child restraints in a car.

A recent survey highlighted that 40% of young school children are not properly restrained during the school run.

For advice in the correct use of appropriate car restraints, visit www.roadsafetyni.gov.uk and ensure your child is protected whilst travelling in the car.

Thank you.