



St Mary's Nursery School

November Newsletter

"Play gives children a chance to practise what they are learning."
– Fred Rogers

Settling In documents

The children are nearly all settled by now and enjoying their new environment.

The settling in documents will go out this month. Mrs Hoy and Mrs Friel will be available for a socially-distanced short chat at a later date.

Uniform

Please clearly label your child's uniform as it causes them great distress if we can't find their jumpers/trainers etc for them.

Dinners

The children are enjoying the nutritious meals every day.

Please try to make your payment every Monday so Mrs Gault can reconcile the account on Tuesdays. Thank you for your cooperation in this matter.

Please read the note that was emailed regarding Packed Lunches. Email the school by Friday 6th November if you wish to provide a packed lunch from Monday 9th November for the month.

Likewise, email the school by Friday 27th November if you wish to provide packed lunches for the month of December or revert back to school dinners.



Autumn

We shall also be continuing observing the signs of Autumn.

If you are outdoors, please encourage your child to look for signs of Autumn.



School Coats

The children are wearing their coats outside every day. Could you please encourage your child to put on/off their own coats as they will be able to transfer this skill in school. The staff will help with zips. Also, please provide your child with a hat and mittens if you have not already done so and place them in your child's pouch under the roof.



Children's Work

Your child's wonderful creations will be placed in a bag and hung on your child's peg periodically for collection.



Please note, the bag will have been put out on Friday and remain untouched over the weekend.

Talking Tip

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

Encourage your child to listen to different sounds, such as cars and animals. This will help your child's listening skills.

You can help your child at home by ...

- 1 Teach your child to blow their nose, pinch their nose to catch the germs and bin their hankie, ie "catch it, bin it, kill it".
- 2 Cover your mouth whilst coughing.

Curriculum Matters:

Maths for the Month

This month's colour is yellow –and this month's shape is the triangle – both these topics are important for pre mathematical development. Please encourage your child to look out for this colour and shape in their environment, at home and outside.

Topics for the Month

This month's topics are Autumn then My Family. In the World Around Us we will be exploring the signs of Autumn in our environments. We will particularly be looking for signs of Autumn in our Outdoor Learning Environments especially the Woodland and Sensory Garden. Within The Arts area of the curriculum lots

of fun Autumn songs are being taught and Autumn stories being enjoyed, as well as lots of lovely art activities based on Autumn colours and Autumn leaves. Our sensory tray is full of crisp Autumn leaves, our soil area packed with real harvest fruits and vegetables including munchkin pumpkins, carrots, potatoes and onions which we are counting and sorting! These varied and many activities not only build the children's awareness of Autumn but develops their vocabulary and mathematical skills as well touching on the Language Development and Early Mathematical Experiences areas of the curriculum.

Unfortunately we cannot request the usual family photographs to be brought into school. Therefore we would ask you to enjoy

discussing the pictures of your child as a baby to help encourage a sense of the 'passing of time' and how independent they now are compared to when they were babies. This will feed into their Personal, Social and Emotional Development. If you could also discuss their personal history with them talking about the day they were born, who visited them as a baby etc. We will then be focusing on the similarities and differences in people and nurturing their representational drawing skills.

Outdoors for their Physical Development we will be working on their gross motor skills of balancing and climbing safely. A busy month ahead!

Morning Supervision 8.30am

If you wish to avail of this service a member of staff will supervise the children. Please hand over your child to a member of staff.

At 9.00am the children will then go to their Quiet Rooms for a short greeting time to check who is present, say our prayers and discuss the activities on offer for the day. Please ensure your child is in school by 9.00am so they do not miss out on this very important part of the day – it is a lovely start to the day for the children!

Afternoon supervision is from 1.30-2.00pm.