



# 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 later this month. Your child's teacher will be available for a short chat towards the end of the month, if you wish to discuss the document.

### 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.

Encourage your child to use a knife and fork at home when eating dinner – they are managing their cutlery so well!

We ask that you make your payment for dinner and snack every Monday so Miss Bell can reconcile the account on Tuesdays. Thank you for your cooperation in this matter.

Please email the school by Friday 26<sup>th</sup> 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 to observe 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. Label them with your child's name before handing them to a member of staff.



## Children's Work

Your child's wonderful creations will be placed in their pigeon hole. Please remember to check regularly.



### 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. Outdoors we will explore crisp Autumn leaves, our soil area will be 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.

*We are delighted to have received so many family photos – the children are really enjoying showing them to us and talking about their family members. If you haven't already done so, please return your family photos to school. These provide us with an excellent opportunity to discuss the children's growth and address the Personal, Social and Emotional aspect of our curriculum. 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 the 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 stay in 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. We ask that children are collected promptly.*

*Please return the reply slip for the Parent Workshops ASAP.*

*Thank you.*