



St Mary's Nursery School



February Newsletter

"Play is the highest form of research." – Albert Einstein

School Holidays



Our Mid Term break is
18th – 22nd February

School reopens for children as usual on
Monday 25th February 2019



Photographer

The photographer shall be visiting us on
Wednesday 27th February to take
individual pictures! Please ensure your
child is wearing their uniform. Thank you.



Enchanted Evening

We are extremely delighted to be able to invite all our Mummies and children to an
"Enchanted Evening" on Tuesday 5th February.

Mrs Hoy's class 6.00-6.30pm and Mrs Friel's class 6.45-7.15pm.

Children should come in their pyjamas and bring a comfy pillow (AKA their magic carpets!)
to sit on. All bedtime teddies are also welcome!

The evening will centre around Fairytales with our favourite Mr Hullabaloo!

Please complete the RSVP that will be on your child's peg after Easter. Thank you.

Primary Movement

Mrs Hoy and Mrs Friel are trained in Primary Movement. The children shall be spending five minutes daily before dinner singing some action rhymes and following some movements. The activities are designed to stimulate a specific pattern of motor skill development and may help your child's overall development. The children are already enjoying participating in these simple action rhymes.

Toys

Please discourage your child from bringing toys (or money) to School as it can lead to upset and disagreements between the children.

Monthly Parents Meetings

On the first Wednesday of every month Mrs Hoy will be available in the staffroom to discuss the upcoming events, curricular topics for the month and how together we can help your child develop their skills through these curricular topics. This month's meeting is on Wednesday 6th February at 1.00 pm. Please let Mrs Gault know if you are here for this meeting. Thank you.

You can help your child at home by ...

- Encourage your child to set the table, counting out the place settings for the family members.
- Encourage your child to pour their own drink, praising their efforts.

Talking Tip

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

Talk about things as they happen,
eg when you're both unpacking the shopping.

Educational Outings

We are excited to be continuing our visits to our friends at Lowwood Nursery Unit alongside our friends from Seaview Nursery Unit for joint sessions with Jump Jiggle and Jive.



We are also delighted to be visiting our friends at Hazelwood Nursery Unit on Tuesday 5th February and they will be visiting us on Thursday 28th February. We are also very excited to have a trip to W5 with Hazelwood and the PROVISIONAL date is Tuesday 12th February – if there is a change we will keep you informed.



Curriculum Matters

Colours for the month

This month's colours are pink and red. The shape we are focussing on is the heart ♥. Please encourage your child to look out for these colours and shape in their environment.



Topic for the month/Shape for the month



The topics for this month are Transport and People Who Help Us. The children will be exploring the concepts (at a basic level) of push, pull, forces – acceleration, deceleration, magnets, floating and sinking. This will be encouraged throughout the play areas – magnets, planks, metal and non-metal transport vehicles in the sand and water. They will be encouraged to verbalise why sand slows down vehicles – how magnets work etc.

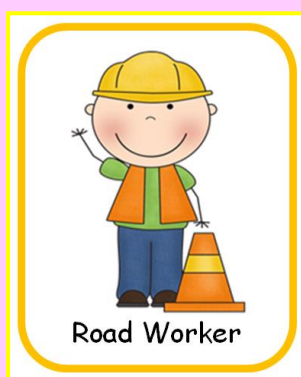


Please encourage your child to bring in junk materials for their transport models – old small cereal boxes and lids are good.

The children will be encouraged to predict which objects will float/sink after lots of exploratory play at the water with various shaped vegetables, boats, rocks, feathers, balls etc.



The children's awareness of people around us who help us will be heightened. Their friendship skills will be developed.



Mathematically one to one correspondence will be stimulated throughout their learning environment. Throughout all this we will hopefully be ensuring the children are happy and having fun as well as learning!

School Closures: February – June 2019

18th - 22nd February

18th March

19th April

22nd - 26th April

6th May

24th May

27th - 31st May

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