

# Nursery Newsletter

## Summer Term 2018



### Welcome Back

Welcome back to St Michael's Nursery. Firstly, we would like to say a big thank you to all the parents/carers who gave up their valuable time on Friday 20<sup>th</sup> April to work on the new Early Year's outdoor area. We would also like to thank the parents/carers who provided materials and voluntary cash contributions to help enhance this area. We appreciate all of your generous support and we know the children will appreciate all your hard work. Thank you for all your donations so far, if you still wish to make a contribution, we still need compost or cash donations. Many thanks for your hard work and continued support.

### Nursery Staff

Mrs. Wilkinson (Teacher)

Mrs. Visentin

Mrs. Rodgers

Mrs O'Donnell



### Voluntary Contributions

In Nursery we ask for a voluntary contribution of £2.50 per term. We use the money to provide cooking ingredients and malleable materials such as play dough, shaving foam and corn flour.



### Nursery Times

8.45 - 11.45 a.m.

12.30 - 3.30 p.m.

Our Nursery gate is locked at 8.55 a.m. and 11.50 a.m. each day. If you are late, please use the main academy entrance to enable us to start our session without needing to keep opening the door and disrupting the learning activities for the group.

## Literacy

The children will:

- \*Listen and actively take part in stories/rhymes and songs
- \*Role play stories shared through resources and props
- \*Develop mark-making skills on a daily basis/name writing
- \* Identify initial sounds in words
- \*Self-registration
- \*Creating, captions, labels and word building



## Mathematics

The children will continue to play number games and learn number songs. They will continue to develop their numbers skills through practical activities e.g. number recognition 1 - 10. We will also learn about 2D and 3D shapes, patterns, weight and capacity.



## Understanding the world

This area helps the children to make sense of their physical world and their communities. This term they will learn about special celebrations, for example, St Michael's May Procession and the Royal Wedding. Children will also have the opportunity to explore St Michael's woodland area on 'Welly Wednesday' and 'Thermal Thursday'. Please ensure children have named wellington boots in school.



## Expressive Arts and Design

We will be creating a florist and we will also be turning our role play area into a veterinary clinic. The children will continue to explore different media and materials to create their own insect/minibeasts. We will also use the musical instruments to explore how sounds can be changed and learn new sounds and rhymes linked to our topics.



## Dates for your diary

Monday 7 May - Bank holiday Monday

Friday 11 May - May Procession

Friday 18 May - Royal Wedding Celebrations - Red, white and blue clothing

Friday 28 May - Half Term

Monday 4 June - INSET Day

20 July - School closes for Summer Holiday

**\*Please refer to the Events Date booklet sent home recently and our academy website calendar.**

# This term our themes will be



Seeds/planting

## Communication and Language



The children will engage in activities to develop their vocabulary and confidence when speaking clearly with their family group and when playing. These activities will include role play in the flower shop, veterinary clinic, summer café and in small world play with the knights/dragons, fairies, pirates and the farm.

## Personal, Social and Emotional development

The children will continue to take part in discussions during circle time. This term we will encourage children to think about:

- \*Relationships - self-awareness and managing feelings.
- \*Changes - preparing older children for their transition into Reception.

## Physical Development & Understanding the World

Now the warmer weather is upon us, the children will be planting, digging, and exploring seeds, plants and trees. We will also have the opportunity to meet lots of different animals and explore the new outdoor area. Nursery has also purchased its very own Butterfly Garden. We will also develop fine motor skills through threading, drawing, cutting and painting and use our outdoor environment to climb, jump, roll and skip.

During this term your child will have the opportunity to choose a weekly library book to take home and share with you. It would be helpful if your son or daughter could have a book folder to carry the book in.

## Library Day - Thursday

