



NEWSLETTER

April 2019

WELCOME

Welcome back! We hope you had a wonderful Easter break. We have a fantastic term planned for the children, and it looks like the sun is shining on us, at least for now!

We extend a very warm welcome to our new parents and children who have joined our nursery this term.

We have a very busy term ahead of us so please read through this information carefully, and keep an eye on our notice boards, website, Facebook and Twitter too for up to date information.

DATES TO REMEMBER

<i>First Day of Summer Term</i>	<i>Tuesday 23rd April</i>
<i>NURSERY CLOSED – Bank Holiday</i>	<i>Monday 6th May</i>
<i>Half Term Holidays</i>	<i>27th – 31st May</i>
<i>First day of 2nd Half term</i>	<i>Monday 3rd June</i>
<i>Leavers Service</i>	<i>TBC</i>
<i>Teddy Bear’s Picnic</i>	<i>Friday 19th July</i>
<i>Last Day of Summer Term</i>	<i>Friday 19th July</i>
<i>First day of Autumn Term</i>	<i>Wednesday 4th September</i>

MAKATON TRAINING FOR STAFF

All our staff have been taking Makaton training.

Makaton is a language programme using signs and symbols to help people to communicate. It is

designed to support spoken language and the signs and symbols are used with speech, in spoken word order.

With Makaton, children and adults can communicate straight away using signs and symbols. Many children then drop the signs or symbols naturally at their own pace, as they develop speech.

For those who have experienced the frustration of being unable to communicate meaningfully or effectively, Makaton really can help. Makaton takes away that frustration and enables individuals to connect with other people and the world around them. This opens up all kinds of possibilities.

We are pleased to announce that by the end of May all our staff will be fully qualified in Makaton.



SUMMER WEATHER

When our summer weather finally arrives, please can we remind you that it is very important that you apply sun cream to your child before they come to nursery, and send them with a named sun hat to wear when playing in our garden. Please also avoid open-toed / flip-flop shoes.

NEXT STEPS



We hope you enjoy reading the weekly activities updates, if you would like more detailed information about your child's learning and development please check out Tapestry where you can find photographs and observations. You can also pop into the nursery and speak to your key worker or look at the footprints on the window to see your child's next steps detailed.

TOTS AND DOTS

You may not be aware that St Mary's Church has a toddler group that meets on Monday mornings from 9.30am. Tots and Dots is a friendly and welcoming playgroup for under 5's and their parents or carers. If you have younger children not yet at Nursery, why not pop along after drop off and join them for toys, drinks, snacks and crafts? Entrance £1 per family.



OASIS COFFEE STOP

On Thursday mornings in term time, join other busy mums/dads/carers for coffee, tea, cake, and toast in the lounge at St Mary's Church. Why not take the time to relax, chat and chill out after the busy school run.

WATER BOTTLES & NUT FREE AREA

We would like to thank you for your cooperation in helping us meet an Ofsted requirement by only supplying water in the children's drink bottles. Your support has also been very much appreciated in keeping the nursery a nut free area as we have a severe nut allergy in the nursery.



NON-ATTENDANCE

If your child is unable to attend the nursery for any reason it is a statutory requirement for you to let us know. Please call the nursery by 9.30am to inform us as we have a duty of care to the children.

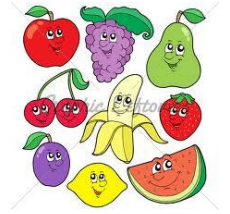
CHANGE OF COLLECTION

Your child's safety is of paramount importance to us therefore we will NOT release your child to anyone who is not authorised by you to collect them. They MUST have a password.



SNACK TIME

We value your contribution of one piece of fruit per week, per child. As you know, this is an essential part of a healthy diet and your children enjoy eating the fruit you supply.



FACEBOOK, TWITTER AND WEBSITE

We have a Facebook page and twitter account in addition to our website. You can find us here:

www.facebook.com/stmarysnurserycamberley

Please 'like' our page! It will be regularly updated with photos, info and news, or on:

Twitter: @nurserymarys

www.stmarysnurserycamberley.co.uk



USEFUL INFORMATION

St Mary's Nursery Phone: **01276 581309**

St. Mary's Nursery Registration number **EY556342**

Surrey Family Information Service **0300 200 1004**

The Orchard Children's Centre **01276 691018**

Ofsted **0300 123 1231**

Registered Charity Number **1168824**

Here at St Mary's we take Safeguarding very seriously, please see our Safeguarding contacts:

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Ofsted 0300 123 4666

NSPCC – 0808 800 5000

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