



NEWSLETTER

February 2020

WELCOME

We hope you had a wonderful half term break.

This term the children will be busy preparing something extra special for Mother's Day, we have World Book Day, we will be supporting Sports Relief and getting ready for our Easter celebrations.

Please read through this information carefully, and keep an eye on our Notice board, website, Tapestry, emails and Facebook for up to date information.

DATES TO REMEMBER

World Book Day – Thursday 5th March

Sports Relief – 9th-13th March

Last Day of Spring Term – Friday 3rd April

First Day of Summer Term – Monday 20th April

Nursery Closed – Friday 8th May Bank Holiday

Summer Half Term Holidays – 25th-29th May

Last Day of Summer Term – Tuesday 21st July

WORLD BOOK DAY

World Book Day is on Thursday 5th March this year. We will be celebrating with some special activities. We would like to invite the children to come to nursery in as their favourite book character, dressing up outfit or PJ's. We will have story time with teddy so they can also bring a soft toy (nothing too precious and please name). We will be focusing on our favourite stories and dress up all week so your child will still be included if they do not attend a Thursday session.



SPORTS RELIEF

We will be supporting Sports Relief between 9th-13th March with lots of fun sports themed games and activities planned throughout the week to raise money for this great cause. Further information to follow.

GOODBYE AND GOOD LUCK!

With regret, we share the news that Michelle is leaving us on Friday 6th March. Michelle has been a valued member of our team for the last 2 ½ years. We are sure you will join us in thanking her for all her support in providing early learning experiences for our Ladybirds. We wish her every success in her future career!



IN THE MOMENT PLANNING

During our nursery session we have decided to adapt the way we plan for your Children's Learning and Development. Rather than writing a plan in advance, we have chosen to use an approach called 'In the Moment Planning'.

This means we will tune into your child's interests on the spot and seize the moment, building on these interests and providing additional resources to extend their play and learning where necessary.

We will plan, observe and assess all in that moment, which will reduce the amount of formal assessment. This allows us to focus on the children and build on skills they have already developed, at their own pace.

FOCUS CHILDREN

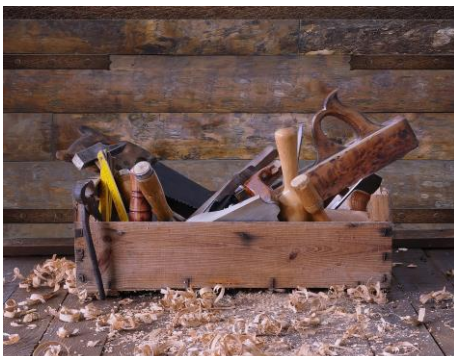
Each week we will have a small group of children who we will focus on, we will inform you via Tapestry the week before your child is part of the group and ask for some information, including their current interests and any events happening at home. We will then summarise your child's week and send you a formal report once the week is finished. If your child is 2 they will be in a focus group for one week every half term, if they are 3 or 4 they will be in a focus group once a term.

It is important to note that even when it is not your child's focus week we will still be planning, observing and their development, as detailed above, although it will not be written up formally.

ALL WEATHER / SPARE CLOTHING

As our children have access to the outside play area at all times, just a reminder during this changeable time of year, to provide your child with a coat/puddlesuit/wellies and a full spare set of named clothes.

We are very low on spare clothing, if you have any at home please could these be returned. Also we would love any donations of jogging bottoms/leggings, underwear and socks!



DONATIONS NEEDED!

On the subject of Donations, in addition to any unwanted trousers & underwear we would really appreciate it you could help us with the following:

- Old woodwork tools; screwdrivers etc./wood
- Empty hand wash dispensers
- Wellies of any size
- Measuring Jugs

Thank you in advance!

WATER, HEALTHY EATING ETHOS AND NUT FREE AREA

We would like to thank you for your continued co-operation in helping us meet an Ofsted requirement by only supplying water for your child in a named bottle. Your support has also been appreciated in keeping the nursery a nut free and healthy eating setting. We also value your contribution of one piece of fruit a week, per child for snack time.

CLOSURE DUE TO BAD WEATHER

We are registered with the Eagle Radio to publicise any closures due to bad weather. In the event that we do have any snowy weather please check: <https://www.eagleradio.co.uk/schools> or our website <http://www.stmarysnurserycamberley.co.uk> or our facebook page as below. If possible, we will also try to email parents in advance of any closures.



FACEBOOK AND WEBSITE

*We have a Facebook page 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, www.stmarysnurserycamberley.co.uk*

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