



NEWSLETTER

January 2020

WELCOME

Welcome back, we hope you had a wonderful Christmas and would like to wish you a very Happy New Year!

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

Please read through this information carefully, and keep an eye on our notice boards too for up to date information.

DATES TO REMEMBER

- First Day of Spring Term:** Wednesday 8th January
Half Term Holidays: 17th February – 21st February
Last Day of Spring Term: Friday 3rd April
First Day of Summer Term: Monday 20th April
Half Term Holidays: 25th May – 29th May
Last Day of Summer Term: Tuesday 21st July

VE DAY

Due to the early May Bank Holiday being moved to Friday 8th May to coincide with VE Day; Victory in Europe Day, to mark the 75th anniversary of the end of World War II, the Nursery will be closed Friday 8th May and open as usual on Monday 4th May.



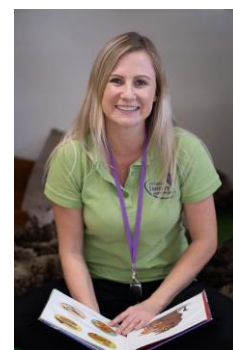
FUNDRAISING



Thank you for all your support in Fundraising last term. Our Christmas party raised £84.90! This will go towards our outside Learning Environment. Our Children in Need PJ and Superhero dress up day raised also raised £30 to help disadvantaged children and young people across the UK.

NEW STAFF

Although already a familiar face at St. Mary's, we welcome Shannon Lauderdale as a permanent Early Years Practitioner and Keyperson after previously working as a Bank member of staff. I'm sure you'll all join us in welcoming Shannon to the team!



LATE PICK UP AND NON-ATTENDANCE

Just a reminder If your child is unable to attend the nursery for any reason it is a statutory requirement for you to let us know. Please contact the nursery by 9.30am to inform us as we have a duty of care to the children. If you are running late collecting your child, please ensure you phone and let us know so we can make arrangements as per our policies and procedures. Please ensure you update us with any changes to contact details, phone numbers addresses and emergency contacts.

TAPESTRY

We hope that you have been enjoying using Tapestry – our online learning journey. You can follow your child's individual progress closely and reflect upon their achievements. We also value photos and comments uploaded by parents and carers so that we, as staff, can find out about the learning they get up to at home. If you have any problems with your login, please contact the Nursery office and they will be happy to help you.



As mentioned on Tapestry we would like to create a family photo wall in the nursery and would be grateful if you could provide us with a family photo to display. These can be bought in or if it is more convenient please email them to us at: marketing@stmarysnurserycamberley.co.uk

30 HOURS CHILDCARE

We offer 30 hours childcare at St.Mary's. You can apply from when your child is 2 years and 36 weeks old. If your child turns 3 between 1st January to 31st March and you think your child is eligible for the free 30 hours childcare, please check this link: <https://www.childcarechoices.gov.uk/> .

Please apply by the end of February for April childcare, a valid code is required by the end of the month before a new term starts, and note funding eligibility also needs to be re-confirmed each term. If you have any questions please do not hesitate to contact Laura in the office.

HEALTHY EATING ETHOS AND NUT FREE AREA

We would like to thank you for your continued co-operation in 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.



ALL WEATHER CLOTHING

Children have access to the outside play area at all times of the year. During this time of year please could we ask you to provide your child with a named coat, gloves, hat and wellies.



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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USEFUL INFORMATION

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