



NEWSLETTER

September 2020

WELCOME

A very warm welcome to all of you, whether this is your first term at Nursery or you are returning family, It is fantastic for the children to be back together after such an extended break from the usual routine.

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

As previously mentioned, we are continuing to assess and improve our session pick up and drop off procedures to ensure transitions are as safe and run as smoothly as possible. Please ensure that only 1 parent/carer per child enters the setting keeping a 2meter distance from others.

Thanks again for your understanding while we make these necessary adjustments to our nursery routines. Your input is valued and we welcome any suggestions to be emailed to us at office@stmarysnurserycamberley.co.uk

DATES TO REMEMBER

Last Day of Half Term – Friday 23rd October

Half Term Holiday – Monday 26th October – Friday 30th October

First Day of 2nd Half Term – Monday 2nd November

Last Day of Term – Wednesday 16th December

First Day of Spring Term – Monday 4th January

****Fundraising/Dress up dates to be announced!****

FREE 30 HOURS CHILDCARE AND TAX FREE CHILDCARE

All three and four year olds living in England are entitled to 570 hours of free early education and childcare a year. This is usually offered as 15 hours a week for up to 38 weeks a year and is a universal entitlement. For children of working families who meet the eligibility criteria, they will be offered an extra 15 Hours (extended entitlement). This element will need to be applied for, and can be done through the following website

www.childcarechoices.gov.uk

The funding will be available the term after your child turns three and if the eligibility code is received before the start of the new term.

If your child is not yet three or you are not entitled to the 30 Hours funding, please apply to the Tax Free Childcare scheme to help pay towards Nursery fees.

If you have any questions at all on how to do this, please email Laura Ludlow in the nursery office on office@stmarysnurserycamberley.co.uk

TAPESTRY

We hope that you all have access to and are enjoying 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.

Please note, in addition to our observations we use this tool to report accidents and log previous injuries, can we remind families to ensure you advise your child's keyworker if your child is attending Nursery with an injury that happened at home for our records.

If you have any questions regarding Tapestry or any problems with your login, please contact the Nursery office and they will be happy to help you.

IN THE MOMENT PLANNING AND FOCUS CHILDREN

During our nursery session we 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.

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 summary 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.

ALL WEATHER / SPARE CLOTHING

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



DONATIONS NEEDED!

We would really appreciate it you could help us with the following donations:

- AA Batteries
- Large Buttons
- Food Colouring
- Flour
- Tarpaulin
- Remote Control Cars
- Cooking Oil
- Salt
- Coffee Filter Paper
- Material scraps
- Tent Pegs
- Matchstick Cars

Thank you in advance for anything you are able to offer!

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 is also appreciated in keeping the nursery a nut free and Healthy Eating setting. We do have a child here at St Mary's Nursery that has severe food allergies, so it is important that nuts or any items of food that contain nuts in their child's lunch box e.g. Nuts bars such as Nakd, Trek or Graze bars, peanut butter sandwiches, and other spreads containing nuts such as pesto, Nutella, or any other chocolate spreads don't come in to Nursery.

We also value your contribution of one piece of fruit/veg/ a small portion or Rice cakes or breadsticks a week, per child for snack time!

LATE PICK UP AND NON-ATTENDANCE/ILLNESS

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.

*Please keep your child at home if they are **unwell in anyway**. This includes colds and tummy bugs. This not only protects our other children, but also our staff members.*

For Covid-19 Symptoms, please see the NHS information below

Symptoms of coronavirus in children

The main symptoms of coronavirus are:

- a high temperature*
- a new, continuous cough – this means coughing a lot, for more than an hour, or 3 or more coughing episodes in 24 hours*
- a loss or change to sense of smell or taste – this means they cannot smell or taste anything, or things smell or taste different to normal*

What to do if your child has symptoms

If your child has any of the main symptoms of coronavirus:

- 1. Get a test to check if they have coronavirus as soon as possible.*
- 2. Stay at home and do not have visitors until you get the test result – only leave your home to have a test.*

Anyone you live with, and anyone in your support bubble, must also stay at home until you get the result.

If you are unsure if your child is unwell, please contact us before they are due in, so we can discuss their illness with you.

SCHOOL APPLICATIONS

If your child is starting school September 2021, you will need to apply for a place between 2nd November and 15th January, please see Surrey website link below for more information.

<https://www.surreycc.gov.uk/schools-and-learning/schools/admissions/primary-junior-and-infant/apply>

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

USEFUL INFORMATION

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St. Mary's Nursery Registration number **EY543362**
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Ofsted Phone Number: **0300 123 1231**
Registered Charity Number **1168824**