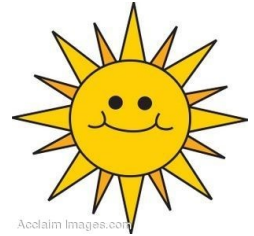




St Mary Magdalene Catholic School Nursery Newsletter April 2023



Dear Parents,

Welcome back to the last term of this academic year. We hope that the weather will be kind to us and we will spend lots of time outside.

We have some exciting things planned this term including a special tea party to celebrate the Coronation of King Charles.

Lastly I would like to say a great big 'Thank you' to all the children who came to nursery with their Easter Bonnets. We were staggered how wonderful they all were. You can see images on the school website - head to the Nursery page.

If you have any concerns regarding your child at nursery please do not hesitate to speak to one of the members of the team.

Kindest regards

Forthcoming Dates

Wednesday 26th April— Multicultural day in Nursery. Children are encouraged to wear costume or clothes from their culture or heritage.

Monday 1st May—Bank holiday no nursery.

Friday 5th May—Coronation Tea Party for Children in nursery. Children to wear something red, white or blue.

Monday 8th May— Bank holiday no nursery

Thursday 11th May— PE session for parents to attend. 8.45am—until 10am. Weather dependent.

Wednesday 17th May—Number Day for all Early Years Classes—more details to follow.

Friday 19th May— Sponsored Dance-a-thon. More details to follow.

Thursday 25th May—Crazy Fun Run. More details to follow.

Friday 26th May—Break up for half term. Return Monday 5th June

DATE FOR YOUR DIARIES—Tuesday 27th June Nursery Sports Day (Weather dependant).

Naming Clothes

At this time of year children are more likely to take their jumpers off and we encourage them to do this independently. Obviously if we have 40+ jumpers all in a box we will be unable to identify them unless they are named clearly. Please also name sun hats.

Sun Cream

We are unable to reapply sun cream to your child. You can purchase sun cream that lasts for 12 hours. We will encourage children to seek shade and water will always be available.



Topics this half term

Each week we will have a focus on the following topics:

Whatever Next!, Multicultural week, The Coronation and the Royal Family, Mini Beasts, Science week .



RE

For our RE topic we will be considering 'Good News'.

Vocabulary and words that you can help your child learn and understand are:

Tell, good news, alleluia, promise, Holy Spirit..



Canopy and arrival times

Just a gentle reminder again, please refrain from allowing your child and their siblings to ride on the bikes, play with toys or use the climbing frame before the nursery opens.

Finish times

A reminder that you do have the option of your child being collected at 3.20pm promptly inline with the rest of the school. There is an additional fee of £2.50 for this service and this must be paid in advance.

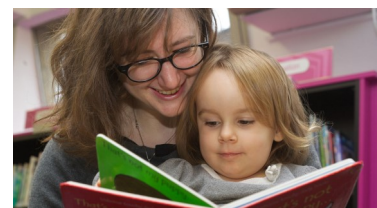
Home Learning Bags

Thank you to all the families using our learning bags weekly. We are so pleased to see them disappear on a Friday and return by the Tuesday.

Exciting news! Karen and Catherine have been busy updating and renewing the bags with different resources and books.

Please feel free to borrow one and a book from the Lending Library.

We also welcome any feedback you have on these bags. Just drop me an email and I will pass it on to the ladies.



Supporting your child at home

Over the last few newsletters I have focussed on the importance of reading, mark making and early maths. However physical development is just as important as these other areas.

Children require exercise to build their muscles in the shoulders, legs and core to help support them whilst sitting and learning to write.

The benefits of living a healthy lifestyle and exercise are often written about and you will be probably be aware for yourselves but for your child you may wish to do some further reading. The following link offers some good advice. Please take some time to read it.

www.bbc.co.uk/cbeebies/grownups/fun-exercises-to-do-at-home-with-kids

Lastly playing with items such as play dough strengthens the very small muscles in a child's developing fingers and hands which enables them to hold a pencil and write for sustained periods of time. This again is an important skill to develop for your child to be ready for school.

Within nursery we regularly take part in 'Dough Disco' sessions. This is great fun and is a great way of education to different music. If you need inspiration check our YouTube typing in 'Dough disco'.