

St Catherine's Independent Nursery - Newsletter 2 - October 2018

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Dear Mums, Dads and Carers,

The government funding for three to five-year old children is a maximum of fifteen hours per week, for thirty-eight weeks of the year. This terms entitlement is for 14 weeks, and nursery is open for 16 weeks. Those children accessing the funded hours only will have a one-week holiday, commencing Monday 22nd October, and returning to nursery on Monday 29th October, and will finish for the Christmas holidays on Friday 14th December and return on Monday 7th January 2018.

St Catherine's R.C. Primary School will be closed for half term from Monday 22nd to Friday 26th October. This means the children who normally have hot lunches will **need to be provided with a packed lunch** during this time as the kitchen will be closed.

Please feel free to discuss any of these matters with Mrs Brockliss or Mrs Marriott.

Dates for your Diary

Saturday 13th October – Posh Prints

Friday 19th October – Dress-up day (Favourite Storybook Character)

Monday 22nd October – Friday 26th October – Half-term for funded only children

Tuesday 6th November – Parent Partnership Evening

Tuesday 4th December – Nursery Nativity 9.30am (Nursery is closed after the nativity)

Friday 7th December – Christmas party 1pm-4pm (Nursery is closed in the morning)

Wednesday 12th December – Parent's Evening

Monday 18th February – Friday 22nd February – Half-term for funded only children

Wednesday 3rd April – Parent's Evening

Friday 5th April – Last day of Spring term for funded only children

Thursday 11th April – Nursery closes for Easter break – all children

Tuesday 23rd April – Nursery re-opens after Easter break – for all children

Monday 6th May – Bank holiday – Nursery closed

Monday 27th May – Bank holiday – Nursery closed

Monday 27th May – Friday 31st May – Half-term for funded only children

Wednesday 17th July – Parent’s Evening

Friday 19th July – Last day of the Summer term for funded only children

Posh Prints

Just a quick reminder that Steve the photographer from “Posh Prints” is in nursery on Saturday 13th October. This is an opportunity for all nursery family and friends to utilise this extremely good service. Steve produces excellent photographs of the highest quality at a third of the price of those taken in a photographic studio. We urge you to take advantage of this opportunity and book an appointment. There is no obligation to buy and no hard sell because the photographs speak for themselves. Everyone and anyone are welcome providing they have taken the time to make an appointment. Christmas will be here soon and they make excellent presents!

Please speak to a member of staff if you wish to book a slot.

For more information please find a leaflet in your child’s tray.

Dress up day

On Friday 19th October we are having a dress up day for the children where they come into nursery dressed up as their favourite story book character. If your child doesn’t attend nursery on a Friday, then they can dress up on a day they do attend.

Parent Partnership Evening

We are holding a parent partnership evening on Tuesday 6th November from 6pm until 6.45pm.

This session will be a chance for all parents, old and new, to make friends and get to know each other.

At the end of the session we will welcome any suggestions on what you would like to discuss next time, as we will be holding a parent partnership meeting at the beginning of each term.

Please could you use the parent app to register your attendance.

Forest School

We are very excited to announce that Forest School is starting again on Wednesday 31st October, Mrs Handyside and Mrs Worsley are now fully trained Forest School Teachers (Level 3) and can now provide children with the full Forest School experience!

Please can all parents whose child comes to nursery on a Wednesday morning ensure their child has the appropriate clothing and footwear, as children without the correct outdoor clothing and footwear will not be allowed to participate in Forest School.

Our Forest School handbook is available to view on the nursery app, which explains the different types of Forest School activities the children will be participating in and the appropriate clothing and footwear required.

Please can all parents sign the Forest School consent form, which will need to be completed so that your child can attend Forest School. The consent form is also on our parent app.

Any queries please don't hesitate to ask Mrs Brockliss, Mrs Handyside or Mrs Worsley.

NSPCC – Talk PANTS

The NSPCC has designed its own hard-hitting education campaign, 'Talk PANTS' encouraging parents to talk to their children about the Underwear Rule – a preventative conversation which could help keep children safe from sexual abuse.

Please find attached the NSPCC guide for parents, and below is a link to the NSPCC Talk PANTS.

Talking PANTS teaches children important messages, like their body belongs to them and they should tell an adult if they're upset or worried.

To get the conversation started get together and singalong with the Pantosaurus song (Available on the link below).

<https://www.nspcc.org.uk/preventing-abuse/keeping-children-safe/underwear-rule/>

Sponsored Treasure Trail

We are holding our annual "Sponsored Treasure Trail" to raise money for the children's Christmas Party, organising the entertainer 'Taz', the party food, a special visit from Father Christmas, and the gifts that he brings! Everyone should find a "Sponsor Sheet" and a "Treasure Trail Sheet" in their child's tray. Simply collect names on your sponsor sheet, then complete the "Treasure Trail" by either collecting the objects or drawing a picture and return it to the nursery where the children will receive a certificate

of completion. Once you have the certificate you can collect the money and return it to the nursery. Who is going to be the first to collect all the items and receive their certificate?

Please return the "Treasure Trail" no later than Friday 9th November and collect all monies by Friday 16th November. Happy Hunting!

Sound of the Week

w/c 1st October – 'i' sound for example 'igloo', 'ink', 'iguana' not 'icicle', 'ice-cream'

w/c 8th October – 'p' sound for example 'pea', 'panda', 'parsnip' not 'phone',

w/c 15th October – 'n' sound for example 'nest',

w/c 29th October – 'c' 'k' 'ck' sound for example 'clock', 'sock', 'lock', 'cat', 'king' not 'knickers', 'knight', 'chair', 'cherry'

Word of the Week

w/c 1st October – 'estimate'

w/c 8th October – 'pretending'

w/c 15th October – 'persisting'

w/c 29th October – 'senses'

Children's Safety

Please can all parents use the pathway within the school field when walking children to nursery, as there are lots of cars travelling up and down the driveway, therefore it is much safer for the children.

Nursery Rhyme of the week

w/c 1st October – Five little ducks

w/c 8th October – One two buckle my shoe

w/c 15th October – Hickory Dickory Dock

w/c 29th October – The Grand old Duke of York

Used Children's Magazines needed

If you have any used children's magazines, please bring them to nursery and they will be placed in the book room for the children.

Conkers, Acorns and Sycamore Needed for Mud Kitchen

Please help your child to collect all of the above for our Mud Kitchen, as they are vital ingredients for making a Mud Pie!!

First aid

All nursery staff hold a Paediatric First aid certificate which are available to view on request.

Nursery Policies and Procedures

Parents please make yourself familiar with our new policies and procedures which you are able to view from our website and through our Parent app. In particular, our safeguarding, late collection and non-collection of a child, lost child policies and procedures, and Complaints and Compliments. If you do not have access to the internet please request to view these policies at nursery or ask to be provided with copies. If you have any queries or would like to contribute your ideas regarding our policies and procedures, please feel free to speak to a member of staff.

The policy of the month is Complaints and Compliments, please view the policy through our nursery app.

Personal, Social and Emotional Development (PSED)

We are concentrating on PSED this term, to help your child with their PSED at home there is a parent's guide available on our Parent App under Useful Documents. In addition, the document entitled 'EYFS areas of Learning' covers all of the areas of the EYFS and explains how you can help your child at home in all aspects of learning and development.

DVD's

There are a number of DVD's for sale at nursery, now priced at 2 for £1. Please feel free to have a browse through you will find them near to the front door, or ask a member of staff.

Yours sincerely

Helen Brockliss

Nursery Manager