

St Catherine's Independent Nursery - Newsletter 4 - December 2018

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Dear parents and carers,

As you will be aware, the "Christmas Party" is on Friday 7th December and many "Thanks" goes out to you once more for all the hard work in supporting the "Christmas Treasure Trail". **For those parents who didn't manage to collect sponsor money a fee of £7.50 is required for your child to attend the Christmas party.**

All nursery fees **must** be paid by close of business on Tuesday 18th December. If you have any queries or concerns with regard to your fees please speak to Mrs Brockliss or Mrs Marriott.

Please note: There is a half retainer fee charged to parents while the nursery is closed over the Christmas period.

We would like to take this opportunity to wish you all a,

"Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year"

Dates for your Diary

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

Wednesday 12th December – Parent's Evening

Friday 14th December – last day of Autumn term for funded only children

Tuesday 18th December – Nursery closes at 6pm for the Christmas break

Monday 7th January 2019 – Nursery re-opens after Christmas break

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

Parents First Aid Awareness Course

Centaur Training services in Leyland are providing a First Aid awareness course for parents, grandparents, and carers specifically for babies, children and family.

After just 3 hours you will leave knowing that should an accident happen, you will have the confidence to carry out life saving techniques.

What you will learn:

- (CPR) Cardio-Pulmonary Resuscitation for all the family
- Choking for all the family
- Recovery position for all the family
- Burns and scalds
- Meningitis

For more information contact Centaur Training on 01772 433080

Email: info@centaurtraining.co.uk

Please follow the link below for a downloadable free app which provides first aid advice at your fingertips. The First Aid app is also available through our parent app by going to useful links on the ‘more’ tab and scroll down to ‘Free Mobile First Aid app’.

<https://www.sja.org.uk/sja/first-aid-advice/free-mobile-first-aid-app.aspx>

Text Emergency 999

For those parents/carers that are not aware, it is possible to alert emergency services to your whereabouts even in situations where you are unable to talk out loud. EmergencySMS is similar to the police’s Silent Solution – which allows callers to inform emergency call handlers they require police assistance without making a sound. But, the EmergencySMS service allows people to silently request urgent assistance from police, as well as paramedics, the fire brigade and the coastguard.

Here's how to do it: Firstly, you must register your mobile phone number with emergency services before you can request help via text.

1. Send the word 'register' in an SMS message to 999
2. You will then receive SMS messages about the service
3. When you have read these SMS messages reply by sending 'yes' in an SMS message to 999
4. You will receive a SMS message telling you that your mobile phone is registered or if there is a problem with your registration.

Your phone number MUST be registered before you can use this service.

Read more by visiting: <http://metro.co.uk/2017/05/26/how-to-silently-alert-police-or-an-ambulance-in-an-emergency-6664488/?ito=cbshare>

Or through our app in the useful links part of the app and scroll down to 'How to silently alert police or ambulance service'

Stocking fillers – Children's books

Children's books are a great stocking filler and I thought I would share with you the Great Book Guide 2018. The books are recommended by BookTrust's panel of experts, including bookshop owners, parent bloggers and librarians, as well as BookTrust's own in-house team.

Please click on the link below to view recommended books for your child's age group

<https://www.booktrust.org.uk/globalassets/resources/great-books-guide/2018/booktrust-great-books-guide.pdf>

or find it on our parent app under 'Useful Documents'

Facebook review

Please could parents rate St Catherine's Independent Nursery and write a review on Facebook, and like our page if you haven't already! We would very much appreciate it! Please follow the link below:

<https://www.facebook.com/MossLaneLeyland/>

You can also find our Facebook page on our parent app

Parents Evening

We are holding an informal Parents Evening on Wednesday 12th December. We would encourage all parents to make an appointment with their child's key-person as we strongly feel that this is an invaluable opportunity to share information on the development of your children.

A parents evening schedule is on the parent's notice board to enable you to book your preferred time slot with your child's key-person.

Sound of the Week

w/c 3rd December 'd'

w/c 10th December 'g'

w/c 7th January 'o'

Word of the week

w/c 3rd December 'interest'

w/c 10th December 'enthusiastic'

w/c 7th January 'tradition'

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.

Yours sincerely

Helen Brockliss

Nursery Manager