

## **St Catherine's Independent Nursery - Newsletter 7 – March 2021**

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Dear Parents and Carers,

We have had lots of lovely gifts and cards sent into nursery over the last few weeks. A huge thank you to all the parents from all of the staff. They are all very much appreciated. 😊

### **Lateral Flow Testing for Nursery Staff**

From next week staff will start lateral flow testing under the Government Scheme. This will help to keep nursery safe and reduce transmission of the virus.

### **Lateral Flow Testing for Whole Families and Households**

Whole families and households with primary school, secondary school and college age children, including childcare and support bubbles, will be able to test themselves twice every week from home as schools return from 8 March. To find out more please go to our Parent app under 'Useful Links' scroll down to COVID-19 and the scroll to 'Lateral Flow Tests'.

### **Spare clothes**

We are running very low on all spare clothes. Please could parents ensure that their child has plenty of spare clothes at nursery, particularly socks. Please return any nursery spare clothes 😊

### **Virtual What's on Guide in South Ribble and Chorley**

I have added a Virtual What's on Guide to our parent app under Useful Documents – Useful Information. The guide by the Children and Family Wellbeing Service aims to keep parents up to date about what they can offer you and includes information on what specific groups and services are available at your nearest centre, in your local community.

### **World Book Day**

We are celebrating World Book Day on Thursday 4<sup>th</sup> March, when we will be doing lots of fun activities to encourage children to love stories. We won't be asking children to dress up this year as it is difficult to browse around shops.

Reading and sharing stories is the perfect lockdown activity for everyone to enjoy! I have added a link to Useful Links – Literacy entitled, 'World Book Day' where you will find lots of amazing resources to help you join in at home. You will also find a digital book token on the parent app too.

### **Nursery Policies and Procedures**

Parents please make yourself familiar with our 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 'Online Safety', please find attached a copy of this policy or view the policy through our nursery app.

### **Online Safety**

Children's lives have changed dramatically because of the coronavirus. With social distancing measures and families having to self-isolate, children will be spending more time at home and online.

And while the internet is a great way for children to keep busy during lockdown, it can also bring risks. Now more than ever it is important to talk to your child about staying safe online and ensuring that parental controls are set up correctly on devices that your child is using.

For more information on Online Safety please find a link to the NSPCC website on our parent app, under Useful Links – Parenting Guides.

In addition, there are lots of books available on Amazon to support parents in teaching their children all about Online Safety. Including 'Once upon a time online' which is perfect for pre-school children.

### **Nursery Rhyme of the week**

w/c 1<sup>st</sup> March 'The Grand Ole Duke of York'

w/c 8<sup>th</sup> March 'There were ten in the bed'

w/c 15<sup>th</sup> March 'One, Two, Three, Four, Five, Once I caught a fish alive'

w/c 22<sup>nd</sup> March 'Five little Speckled Frogs'

w/c 29<sup>th</sup> March 'Five little ducks'

w/c 19<sup>th</sup> April 'Five warm eggs in an incubator'

## **Word of the Week**

w/c 1<sup>st</sup> March 'estimate'

w/c 8<sup>th</sup> March 'thinking'

w/c 15<sup>th</sup> March 'persisting'

w/c 22<sup>nd</sup> March 'curious'

w/c 29<sup>th</sup> March 'independent'

w/c 19<sup>th</sup> April 'pretending'

## **Sound of the Week**

w/c 1<sup>st</sup> March 'Y'

w/c 8<sup>th</sup> March 's'

w/c 15<sup>th</sup> March 'a'

w/c 22<sup>nd</sup> March 't'

w/c 29<sup>th</sup> March 'i'

w/c 19<sup>th</sup> April 'p'

## **British Science Week 5<sup>th</sup> – 14<sup>th</sup> March**

British Science Week, run by the British Science Association is a ten-day celebration of science, technology, engineering and maths, featuring entertaining and engaging events and activities across the UK for people of all ages.

The theme this year is "Innovating for the Future", and over the week the children will take part in lots of exciting science-based activities. I have added the Early Years Activity pack to useful documents – fun ideas on our parent app, as you may like to join in at home too!

## **Family Maths Toolkit – Helping children improve their everyday Maths**

The Family Maths Toolkit is full of ideas to help parents, families and children aged 13 and under enjoy everyday maths activities together.

Top tips for parents and families:

**Be positive** about maths. Don't say things like "I can't do maths" or "I hated maths at school"; your child might start to think like that themselves.

**Point out the maths in everyday life.** Include your child in activities involving maths such as using money, cooking and travelling.

**Praise your child for effort rather than talent** - this shows them that by working hard they can always improve.

**If you struggle with maths yourself** - try the free online tool the [National Numeracy Challenge](#) to improve your maths level.

A link is available on our Parent app under Useful Links - Mathematics  
Yours sincerely

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