

St Catherine's Independent Nursery - Newsletter 10 – June 2021

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Dear parents and carers,

Sunhats

Please can you ensure your child has a sunhat for playing outdoors. On hot sunny days, the children will not be allowed outdoors without a sunhat.

Sunscreen

Nursery has a supply of Nivea factor 50 sunscreen, but if you prefer to use a different brand, please ensure you bring a bottle to keep at nursery with your child's name on it.

Graduation Day

We will be celebrating the children's graduation from nursery to school on Wednesday 14th July, between 1pm and 3pm, all children that will be graduating from nursery are invited to the party. If your child/children do not normally attend on this day, then they must be picked up promptly at 3pm. Party clothes are essential! If your child attends for a full day on a Wednesday, please provide your child with party clothes which they will be changed into for the graduation party.

Am I ready for School – Tips for parents

When your child starts school there are a number of skills that they should have ideally mastered. Handy guides and tips to help you check your child's progress are all available on our parent app under 'Useful documents' - 'School readiness'.

New Parent questionnaires – April starters

New parent questionnaires for parents whose children started in April are now available to complete via our parent app. Please complete so that we can continue to reflect and improve our nursery practice. 😊

Nursery Policies and Procedures

Parents, please make yourself familiar with our policies and procedures which

you can 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.

Main Focus for Learning and Development

This half term we will be focusing on Mathematics, Numbers and Shape, Space and Measures. Please have a look on our parent app on the 'Home learning' tab – Mathematics for an abundance of simple maths activities for you to do with your child at home, to help them develop their maths skills.

Sound of the week

w/c 7th June 'm'

w/c 14th June 'd'

w/c 21st June 'g'

w/c 28th June 'o'

Word of the week

w/c 7th June 'marvellous'

w/c 14th June 'stupendous'

w/c 21st June 'estimate'

w/c 28th June 'astounding'

Nursery Rhyme of the week

w/c 7th June 'Incy Wincy Spider'

w/c 14th June 'Miss Polly had a Dolly'

w/c 21st June 'Five little speckled frogs'

w/c 28th June 'Ten Green Bottles'

Consent forms

I am in the process of putting together all of our permission forms that were on our registration form onto our parent app as this will make it so much easier to find parental consent for various activities. Please could I ask all parents to sign even if you previously provided consent on your registration form. I thank you in advance.

Nursery Fees

Our nursery trustees have reviewed the nursery fees and they have decided to raise them by £2 per day. Our nursery fees have remained the same for a number of years, and with the current climate an increase was required. The full fee structures from September are available via our Parent App.

Covid restrictions

As I am sure you are all aware on Monday 21st June there may be some relaxation of the current restrictions. With nursery having a rigorous covid safe policy from the very beginning, i.e., our 14-day isolation period, we have avoided having to close. There have been a few occurrences whereby if children had returned to nursery under the government's guidelines of a 10-day isolation period they may have spread the virus and the nursery would have been closed for 14 days. Consequently, I will not be allowing parents into nursery until at least September, as not all of the staff have received their first vaccination. I thank you in advance for your understanding in this matter.

Parents Evening

Unfortunately, yet again this term we will not be able to hold a face-to-face parents evening, and instead your child's keyperson will telephone you at an arranged time. (To be arranged in due course) Staff will upload children's reports to children's learning journey's so that parents can read through and ask any questions during the phone call. A signature will be required from parents whose children are leaving for school, so that we can send their reports to their new teacher.

Mental health resources

The pandemic and the associated measures and restrictions will be impacting the mental health of some children and their parents. Please find an abundance of useful links and sources of support on our parent app. Under 'Useful Links' – 'Mental Health and Wellbeing'.

Kindest regards

Helen Brockliss

Nursery Manager