

St Catherine's Independent Nursery - Newsletter 9 – May 2021

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Dear parents and carers,

The Dragon flew over Forest School and nursery today leaving 'Dragon Breathe' in its path!! It even landed in the garden and licked Mrs Worsley!!! So, we all know that it is definitely a friendly dragon, as only friendly dragons leave dragon breathe behind!!!

(Dragon breathe – two pieces of sparkly wool tied together 😊)

We are all so excited to see the children's reactions tomorrow when they see the Dragon and her babies!! We will be taking lots of photographs and videos of the children!!

If your child doesn't normally attend on a Thursday, please ensure your child arrives at nursery just before 9am 😊

Summer Term

We have some hatching chick eggs arriving at nursery on Tuesday 11th May, the staff and children will look after them until Friday 21st May when they go back to their farm and live as free-range chickens. If any parents are interested in having any of the chickens please let me know.

Transition to 'Big School'

Starting school is a key transition in a child's life and we have experienced unusual and unsettling times during the Coronavirus pandemic. We need to appreciate the difficulties and anxieties the lockdown may have created and help to support children to be confident and look forward to starting school. Creating a smooth transition into school is vital to ensuring the child gets the best possible start in their new setting.

To help and support parents through this time I have added lots of new 'Useful Links' and a new 'Useful Document' which can all be accessed under 'School Readiness' via our Parent app.

Boogie Mites Music Club

The Boogie Mites Music Club is a free online club for parents of babies, toddlers and pre-schoolers. With weekly music classes, song downloads plus lots of tips and activities, it's a great way for you and your child to play and

learn with music. Wherever you are in the world, you can share the magic of music with Boogie Mites Music Club. To join please go to 'Useful Links' – 'Communication and Language'.

Children's Speech, Language and Communication

Virgin Care have a virtual group called **Chat Play Read**, this group has been created to support parents/carer with their Children's Speech, Language and Communication. If you would like to attend the Chat, Play and Read group then please call 0300 247 0040 option 2 to get booked onto the sessions.

I have recently added the following documents 'Unclear Speech Sounds', 'The Tree of Language' and 'Speech Sound Development' to our Parent app. You can find these under 'Useful Documents' – 'Communication and Language Development, along with plenty of other helpful and supportive information.

Sound of the Week

w/c 3rd May – 'ck' (sock, clock, kite, cat, sack)

w/c 10th May – 'e'

w/c 17th May – 'h'

w/c 24th May – 'r'

w/c 7th June – 'm'

Nursery Rhyme of the week

w/c 3rd May – 'Five Warm Eggs in an Incubator'

w/c 10th May – 'Five Little Ducks'

w/c 17th May – 'Five little speckled frogs'

w/c 24th May – 'Baa Baa Black sheep'

w/c 7th June – 'Incy Wincy Spider'

Word of the Week

w/c 3rd May – astounding

w/c 10th May – incubator

w/c 17th May – splendid

w/c 24th May – outrageous

w/c 7th June – marvellous

Nursery Planning

We are focusing on Spring and New Life this half term, and we would like parents to take part in our planning process. We suggest Spring walks in the park where you can talk and think about Spring themed words, i.e; frogs, chicks, blossom, growth, birth, eggs, hatch, warm, daffodils, tulips, sun. Whilst you are walking to nursery with your child look out for New Life and signs of Spring.

Nursery Policies and Procedures

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 'Accidents and First Aid', please view the policy via our parent app.

First Aid Advice for parents

First Aid saves lives, and knowing what to do in an emergency can make all of the difference. St Johns' Ambulance website provides advice that will help you deal with a range of common accidents and conditions, but in an emergency, always dial 999. A link to St John's Ambulance website can be found on our parent app under Useful Links – Children's Health and Wellbeing.

Kind regards

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