

St Catherine's Independent Nursery - Newsletter 11 – July 2021

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Dear parents and carers,

We want to say a huge thank you to all our lovely parents for being so understanding during this last year. It has been an exceedingly difficult time for all, but we have got through it together. We cannot imagine how tough it must be to drop your child off at nursery without even ever stepping inside yourself, but you have put your trust in our nursery, and we are forever grateful 😊

We wish all our nursery children who are leaving for 'Big School' all the absolute best in their next chapter, we will miss each and everyone of them so very much!

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. The nursery photographer will be attending so party clothes are essential! If your child attends for a full day on Wednesday, please provide your child with party clothes which they will be changed into for the graduation party.

Nursery Policies and Procedures

Please make yourself familiar with our policies and procedures which you are all 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, then 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 'Sickness and Illness', please view the policy through our nursery app.

Below is an excerpt from our Sickness and illness policy:

'Should a child have an infectious disease, such as sickness and diarrhoea, they must not return to nursery until they have been clear for at least 48 hours'

Meaning they must be symptom free for 48 hours before returning to nursery.

Learning Journey Deadline

For those parents whose child/children are due to leave nursery, their completed learning journey will be available to download/print off from **Friday 30th July** and it will be deleted from the i-cloud on **Friday 3rd September** to make room for our new starters. Please ensure that you download or print your child's learning journey before this date, as once it is deleted it is irretrievable. Any questions please do not hesitate to speak to your child's key person.

Important information for parents whose children are leaving nursery

Please can parents whose children are leaving to start school complete our 'Notice of leaving for school form' on our parent app under Surveys. Parents of funded only children do not need to complete this form.

Nursery fees **must** be up to date before your child leaves nursery.

Talk Pants – NSPCC

With the help of the NSPCC's friendly dinosaur Pantosaurus, talking PANTS is a simple way to teach your child how to stay safe from abuse.

You have probably already talked to your child about things like crossing your local roads safely. Talking to them about staying safe from sexual abuse is just as easy with the NSPCC PANTS activity pack.

With fun tasks, word searches, games, and stickers, you can help them learn without using any scary words.

The nursery children have enjoyed singing along to the PANTS song with Pantosaurus which is available from the link below and via our nursery app. Please find the website on our parent app under useful links – Children's Health and Well-being.

Word of the week

W/C – 5th July – Spectacular

W/C 12th July – Graduation

Sound of the week

W/C – 5th July – ‘U’

W/C 12th July – ‘L’

Nursery Rhyme of the week

W/C – 5th July – Humpty Dumpty

W/C 12th July – Five Little Ducks

Registration and Consent form

I am still in the process of putting together all our permission forms that were on our registration form onto our parent app, I will also be adding parent agreements too. All parents will receive a notification when the forms go live, and I politely ask to complete as soon as possible. I thank you in advance.

Yours sincerely

Helen Brockliss

Nursery Manager