

# NURSERY CLASS NEWSLETTER

AUTUMN 2023



Dear Parents/Carers,

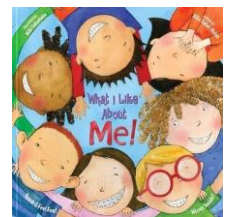
It has been wonderful to welcome back both children who attended Nursery last year and our many new starters. The focus this half term is settling the new children into their class and establishing routines. All the children have enjoyed exploring activities and resources and are beginning to make friends. We are gradually introducing class rules, prompting children to think about how they treat others and how we behave at school.

## Curriculum

Children in Nursery spend time inside and outside, engaging in learning activities based on all 7 areas of the Early Years Curriculum. They also have 2 teacher led sessions on the carpet per session. We are currently focusing on learning Nursery Rhymes.

## Topic

Each half term we choose a topic to extend the children's knowledge of the outside world. This half term we are starting with 'All about Me'. Children will learn to describe different parts of the body, their emotions and talk about their families.



## Phonics

Each day children take part in a daily phonics group, where they learn to sit quietly and tune into sounds. Children learn to make and describe sounds. By the Summer Term, they will be ready to learn letter sounds.

**'Meet the Teacher' in school for all Nursery parents on Thursday 28<sup>th</sup> September after school at 3:30pm for all parents.** We look forward to seeing everyone there! This is your chance to find out what your child will be learning in Nursery and how we support their development.

## Key Dates

- September – we are welcoming any donations for our annual Harvest collection, please donate any non-perishable food items (tins, jars and packets) to support those most in need
- Thu 28<sup>th</sup> September – Parents' welcome meeting with your child's class teacher
- Tue 19<sup>th</sup> September 9:15AM – Super Parents session for all Reception class parents
- Tue 26<sup>th</sup> September – **SCHOOL PHOTOS**
- Wed 27<sup>th</sup> September 2PM – Harvest worship in St Mary's Church
- **Mon 23<sup>rd</sup> – Fri 27<sup>th</sup> October – HALF TERM**
- Sun 5<sup>th</sup> November 10:00AM – First Communion service at St Mary's Church
- Thu 16<sup>th</sup> November – PARENTS EVENING
- **Fri 17<sup>th</sup> November – SCHOOL CLOSED – Inset Day**
- Fri 1<sup>st</sup> December 3:10PM – Christmas Fayre
- Fri 8<sup>th</sup> December 1:30PM – Nativity Performance for Parents and Carers



- Tue 19<sup>th</sup> December – 1:00PM – End of Autumn Term
- Tue 9<sup>th</sup> January - Children return to school for the Spring Term

### **Key Reminders**

- Please be on time. Morning sessions run from 08.30 – 11.30 and afternoons from 12.30 – 3.30.
- Please ring the school office if you have arranged for a new person to collect your child



### **PE**

Children in Nursery on a Wednesday afternoon have a PE lesson, so you might want your child to wear trainers on that day.



### **Jewellery**

We advise that the children do not wear **any** jewelry to school although plain stud earrings are acceptable.

### **Clothing**

Please make sure that all of your child's items of clothing are clearly labelled with their names. School shoes should be plain and black. Also, please send in a bag of spare clothes, in case of accidents.



### **Reading Fridays**

Each Friday, we are inviting parents and carers to come into Nursery for the first half hour of the session to come share stories with your child. You can choose a book to keep at home for the week and then change the next week. Please send in a photo of you reading with your child at home (use the email address below) for our Reading Families display.



### **Harvest**

Each year the school collects food donations, which are taken to St Mary's Church and distributed among local charities. The class has decorated a special box and we would greatly value any dry or tinned foods you can offer.

**Appointments** - If you have any queries or wish to make an appointment, please ring the School office on 0208 6902613 or email [admin@st-marys.lewisham.sch.uk](mailto:admin@st-marys.lewisham.sch.uk)

Early Years depends on parent partnership and we look forward to working with you and your child as they start their learning journey.

With best wishes

Miss Rowe and Miss Herbert