

# NURSERY CLASS NEWSLETTER



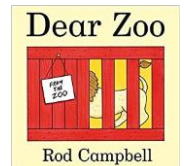
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Dear Parents/Carers,

Welcome back to St Mary's. We hope that you and your family enjoyed a peaceful Christmas together and that the New Year brings all that you wish for. The children have settled well back into their class and we are looking forward to a new term of learning together.

## Curriculum

We will continue our learning by building on the key skills that the children learned last term. Our topic this term is **Amazing Animals** and our focus text is **Dear Zoo** by Rod Campbell. We will again be focusing on the **7** areas of learning for the Early Years and Phase 1 Letters and Sounds activities for phonics. Children will be practising writing their names, using their name cards and will be engaged in counting games and rhymes.



## Values

We will be focusing on the whole school values of **Love** and **Forgiveness**. We will be exploring these values throughout this term and children will have the opportunity to learn how these values can be displayed, referring to examples from Bible stories.

## Key Reminders

- Please be on time at the beginning (8:30 or 12:30) and end (11:30 or 3:30) of the session
- Please ring the school office if you have arranged for a new person to collect your child
- Please be aware that sweets and toys from home are not allowed in class



## Clothing

Please make sure that all of your child's items of clothing are clearly labelled with their names. This applies to all items of school uniform. We also ask if you could send spare clothes (trousers/tights/socks/underwear) in school bags in case of accidents.



## Reading

Nursery celebrates reading by running **Reading Fridays**, which have proved really popular with parents. You are welcome into the classroom from 8.30 – 9.00am and 12.30 – 1.00pm every Friday to share a book with your child and choose one to take home for the week. The children are always thrilled to have their parents in the classroom too!

## Jewellery

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

### Key Dates

- Mon 22<sup>nd</sup> January – we will launch our Annual Poetry Competition
- Week beginning 22<sup>nd</sup> January – After School Clubs begin
- Wed 31<sup>st</sup> January 9AM – Candlemas and Eucharist worship in St Mary's Church
- Fri 9<sup>th</sup> Feb – Own Clothes £1 (wear RED for Chinese New Year) – Dragon Dancing, Food & Crafts
- **Mon 12<sup>th</sup> – Fri 16<sup>th</sup> February – HALF TERM**
- Wed 6<sup>th</sup> March 9AM – Mothering Sunday worship in School
- Fri 8<sup>th</sup> March 8AM – Parent's Reading Breakfast in School
- Fri 8<sup>th</sup> March – Children's Own Clothes Day – dress up as a BOOK CHARACTER for BOOK WEEK
- Mon 11<sup>th</sup> March – we will launch our Easter Competition to create an Easter Bonnet
- Thu 14<sup>th</sup> March – PARENTS' EVENING
- Fri 22<sup>nd</sup> March – Own Clothes Day (pay £1) and at 3PM Easter Cake Sale and Games to raise money for the Bishop of Southwark's Lent Appeal
- Thu 28<sup>th</sup> March 1:00PM – End of Spring Term
- Mon 15<sup>th</sup> April 8:30AM - Children return to school for the Summer Term

### 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)

We greatly value your support with your child's learning.

Miss Rowe (Class Teacher) and Miss Herbert (Teaching Assistant)