

# NURSERY CLASS NEWSLETTER



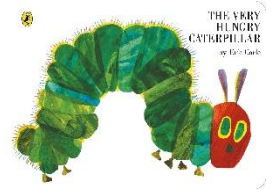
SUMMER 2024

Dear Parents/Carers,

Welcome back to St Mary's after the Easter break. This term we will be preparing the older children for their transition to Reception Class and developing the language and social skills of the younger children. It will be an exciting term with a visit from the dental nurses, the Nursery Assembly for parents on May 23rd and Sports Day to look forward to.

## Curriculum

Our topic this term will be **Minibeasts** and our focus texts include **The Very Hungry Caterpillar** and **Walter's Wonderful Web**. We will be spending lots of time outside, caring for the plants we have grown, enjoying the seasonal changes in the Forest School and observing bugs in their natural environment.



## Life cycles

One focus of our learning will be life cycles. We are lucky enough to have caterpillars and ducklings in our class this term. Children will learn to handle them gently and to observe changes as they grow.



## Phonics

Nursery children who are entering Reception this September have been having a daily phonics lesson based on the Read, Write, Inc systematic phonics programme. They learn to read and write sounds (rather than 'letters') and practice sounding out short words, such as c-a-t.



## 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, including that person's phone number (for identification purposes)



## 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 are 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!

## Summer

As the weather improves, on sunny days please remember to keep your children sun safe. This includes putting sun cream on children before coming to school and wearing sun hats.



## Key Dates

- **Thursday 2<sup>nd</sup> May – SCHOOL CLOSED (POLLING STATION FOR MAYORAL ELECTIONS)**
- **Monday 6<sup>th</sup> May – BANK HOLIDAY**
- Monday 20<sup>th</sup> – Friday 24<sup>th</sup> May – National Walk to School Week
- Wednesday 22<sup>nd</sup> May 9:00AM - Pentecost and Eucharist Worship at St Mary's Church
- Thursday 23<sup>rd</sup> May – Nursery Class Assembly – all parents welcome
- **Monday 27<sup>th</sup> May – Friday 31<sup>st</sup> May – HALF TERM**
- Wednesday 12<sup>th</sup> June 9:00AM – Fathers' Day Worship in School
- **Friday 14<sup>th</sup> June – INSET DAY (SCHOOL CLOSED)**
- Monday 24<sup>th</sup> – Friday 28<sup>th</sup> June – Aspiration Week
- Friday 28<sup>th</sup> June – Science Day
- Monday 1<sup>st</sup> – Friday 5<sup>th</sup> July – Health Week
- Fri 5<sup>th</sup> July - Sports Day at Ladywell Arena (EYFS in the morning)
- Fri 12<sup>th</sup> July – End of year School reports sent home to parents and carers
- **Friday 19<sup>th</sup> July – 1:00PM – END OF TERM**
- Wednesday 4<sup>th</sup> September 8:40AM - Children return to school for the New School Year

## 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.

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