

Dear Parent/Guardian

Happy New Year to everyone. We hope you had a lovely Christmas and we wish you all the best for 2019. Many thanks to all parents and carers for the lovely Christmas gifts. You are very kind.

We would like to take this opportunity to welcome all of our new children, parents and carers to St Mary's Nursery. If you have any concerns or questions regarding your child and their progress at nursery please feel free to talk to your child's key worker or any member of staff at any time.

Please remember to dress your child in old clothes for nursery as the children sometimes play with messy items and we would not like any good clothes to get ruined. Please also ensure your child has appropriate outdoor clothing and footwear provided during this period as we make use of our outdoor area in all weathers.

Please check your child's poly pocket daily for any news or information. In addition your children work very hard and enjoy taking their work home with them. Please empty your child's tray regularly to ensure the children remain proud of their hard work.

If your child will be unable to attend nursery for any reason please telephone the school on **01236 794828** to let us know. If you know in advance that your child will be absent for any reason please inform nursery staff.

Nursery sessions are 8.40 am until **11.50am** and 1pm until **4.10pm**. Please ensure your child is collected by these times as staff use the time after the children leave for planning and preparation.

Mrs Clare Louise Harley (Nursery Teacher) and all the Nursery Staff Thank you for your continued support.

January 2019



Health and Safety Important Information- Please Read

- Please help to ensure the safety of all children by allowing only those directly in your care to leave and always close the door firmly behind you by lifting the handle to ensure it is locked.
- Can we ask that if you have entered the building through the school that no children are left unattended. The nursery staff will open the playroom door at 1pm at which point you can then safely leave your child in the care of the staff.
- If you are in the cloakroom and the doorbell rings please alert a member of staff. Do not open the door
- Please ensure you sign your children in and out of the Nursery using the group sheets provided
- Please ensure that gates leaving the nursery and school grounds are closed to ensure the safety of both Nursery and School children. This has been brought to our attention again and is causing concerns as a number of parents are continuing to leave without closing gates.
- Please do not allow the children to open or close the gate.
- If your child has been sick or has had an upset tummy they must be 48 hours clear of their last episode before returning to nursery this is to stop the spread of infection.

***We appreciate your cooperation in continuing with our Health and safety procedures.**

Nursery Fund

Your £2.50 weekly donation is very much appreciated. This allows us to provide healthy snacks for the children, provide new resources and to give them a gift at birthdays and Christmas time. Please remember to put your money in the yellow envelopes provided and place them in the box.

Burn's Day

On Friday 25th of January we will celebrate Robert Burn's Day where children can wear something Scottish and we will have Scottish snacks. We may even attempt some Scottish dancing. We also hope to look at some Scottish poems with the children.

Topic

We will be covering a range of topics from now on, in response to the children's interests.

Book of the month

Hairy Maclary from Donaldson's Dairy by Lynley Dodd

Pre-schooler children will be working on more focused literacy and numeracy tasks over the next months.

Dates for the Diary

Monday 11th February - Nursery closed(School holiday)

Tuesday 12th February - Nursery closed (School Holiday)

Wednesday 13th February - Nursery closed (In-service day)

**We would like to wish the following children
a Happy Birthday in January**

Georgia, Abbey and Jack.

