



Through God, We
Love, Laugh and
Learn.

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Dear Parents and Carers

We hope you all had a fantastic Summer. We are so pleased to be welcoming lots of children back to Nursery for another year of fun together and we are also really excited to get to know all of our new friends who will be joining us this September.

Tapestry

Over the next few days, please keep an eye out for an email to activate your Tapestry account if you haven't already been set up - please note, this might go to your junk folder. We will use Tapestry as a way to share learning between home and school. You can upload photos and videos from home to be shared during the school week, and we will use Tapestry to share snapshots of what we are learning about in school.

Library

Every Wednesday your child will have the opportunity to choose a library book and these will be changed weekly. If your child isn't in Nursery on a Wednesday, please send their book and bag in on the closest day to a Wednesday for us to change. We will also use your child's library bag to send home any letters or ideas for optional home learning activities for the week.

This week in their library bag we will also send home two pictures of a wolf and a pig. The wolf is to record something that your child is learning to do, and the pig is to share something that they have recently learnt to do. We will share and display these in Nursery.

We will also send home a food tasting permission slip in the library bag. Can you please complete this and return it to Nursery to allow your child to take place in food tasting activities over the year.

Picking up

Can you please ensure that any adults that are listed to collect your child know the password that you have chosen for your child.



Forest School

Forest School sessions are once a week on a Tuesday morning. Please could we have a pair of wellies that can be kept in school, and if you would like to send a puddle suit in for Forest School that would be very useful.

PE Days:

Once a week on a Thursday we will have an indoor PE session in the hall. The first session will be on Thursday 10th September. Your child will need to come to school dressed in their PE kit. Our PE kit is black or navy jogging bottoms or shorts and a white t-shirt. A jumper or hoodie is also needed in case it is cold or wet when we are walking from Nursery to the hall.

For the Autumn and Spring Term, your child can still wear their school shoes as PE will be indoors in the hall (barefoot). Your child can wear trainers in the Summer Term if you choose (Velcro or elastic only, no laces please).

There will also be lots of other indoor and outdoor opportunities to get our bodies moving every day, and to help improve our gross and fine motor skills e.g. riding the bikes and scooters, threading, weaving and playdoh.

Snack money

Snack is £1.50 weekly if your child is full time, otherwise it is 30p daily. Please place cash in an envelope or purse. If it is easier, please feel free to send money in at the start of a half term rather than weekly. This will cover snack in the morning and/or afternoon, and will include a selection of fresh fruit, milk, toast or bread sticks.

Hot Dinners

The payment for hot dinners is online; please see Mrs Lewis in the office if you have any difficulties with your login. The dinner menu is on our school website.

Water Bottle

Please ensure your child has a named water bottle daily. Can we ask that these are bottles with sports caps or straws, and not bottles with screw top lids to minimise spillages, thank you.

Spare clothes

Can you please ensure that you send your child with a named change of clothes, including socks and underwear. If needed, can you please also ensure that we have a stock of nappies/ pull ups and wipes (please name the wipes).

Thank you in anticipation of your support, many thanks from the Nursery Staff



Our Topic for this Half Term is 'Home Sweet Home'



In Literacy, we are focussing on 'The Three Little Pigs' and learning nursery rhymes. We will also be reading other stories about houses, homes and our families e.g. 'In Every House, on Every Street'. Each morning your child will be encouraged to find their picture to self-register on entry to the class. We will be playing lots of listening games in preparation for our Little Wandle phonics, which will start after the October half term.

In Mathematics, we are developing our counting skills, learning number rhymes and playing number recognition games. We will also begin to learn the days of the week and we will be using our class calendar to talk about and order what we do in the day, thinking about now and next. We will begin to learn about the seasons and what we see in Autumn.

In Understanding of the World, we are exploring our environment for signs of Autumn and learning to describe the weather. We will be taking part in topic walks and enjoying lots of outdoor learning. We will also be learning about different types of houses and homes, and talking about who lives in our home with us, including our pets. We will also be learning about some of the different homes that animals live in.

In Religious Education, we are learning school prayers and hymns and our first Christian value is 'Friendship'. We will find out more about Harvest in October and we will be having our Harvest Café later this half term where we look forward to welcoming you into Nursery to share our learning. Date to follow.

In Personal Social and Emotional Development (PSED) we will be making new friends, learning how to be a good friend to others and learning everybody's names. We will be exploring the classroom and the school grounds, and learning all about our new rules and routines. We will also be learning about other adults that help us in school.

In Expressive Arts and Design we will be drawing our own self portrait, creating a 'My family' collage, singing lots of new and favourite songs and using the themes of Autumn and Harvest to inspire our creativity.

If you have any queries please email Mrs Lewis finance@st-michaels-stone.staffs.sch.uk or Mrs Moore office@st-michaels-stone.staffs.sch.uk

We are looking forward to an exciting year in Nursery!

