

# St Mary's Nursery News

## JANUARY 2016

Dear Parents and Carers

Happy New Year and a warm welcome back to old and new friends starting at St Mary's Nursery.

Thanks to your generosity at Christmas you have raised £42 for the Nursery Fund from the Nursery Christmas raffle. The Nursery Fund is used for educational opportunities for your child during the year.

### Nursery Learning

We are looking forward to new opportunities this year and as always we encourage our children's and their parents and carers ideas for learning in the Nursery. At St Mary's we aim to keep your child's learning visible, meaningful and encourage feedback.



Come in and take a look at your child's Learning Journal and the Nursery Learning Tree. There are dedicated spaces in your child's Journal for your feedback. You will see staff feedback too on your child's significant steps in learning.

### Parent Helpers and Nursery Parent Council representatives

A big thank you to those who give their time as Parent Helpers for Nursery events. If you would like to be a parent helper please let us know.

For your information, the Nursery Parent Council representatives (details in Nursery foyer) can take forward questions about the Nursery and School at St Mary's Parent Council meetings held once a term.

### Lending Library Books - FRIDAYS -



Each Friday (10.45-11.15) we visit the school library. This is an opportunity to look at books, enjoy stories, songs, rhymes and movement. Staff encourage your child to explore the wide range of books available before making their final choice to share with you at home. If you would like to support the children engaging with books in the Library please let the Nursery team know. **Please note: Your child's book bags need to be in Nursery on Fridays if you wish your child to take a new book home.**

### Winter

With cold and wet weather we are outside too. **Please can we urge you to provide a warm, waterproof coat and wellies on wet days.** The children learn as much outdoors as indoors - no matter what the weather. There is plenty of space to store your child's wellies under the benches in the foyer. If you have a spare pair of wellies and are happy to do so - why not leave a pair at nursery? Please put your child's name inside both wellies.

### Nursery Snack

Thank you to everyone for your prompt and regular payment of Nursery snack every Monday last term. Where termly payment is your preferred option this has been working well also. Please note that part of your weekly snack payment goes towards the Nursery Fund.

### IMPORTANT NOTES/DETAILS FOR YOUR DIARY

Monday 25 <sup>th</sup> January	Robert Burns Day celebrations
Friday 12 <sup>th</sup> February	February break
Monday 23 <sup>rd</sup> February	Nursery starts back

Please ask any member of the Nursery staff if you have any questions about your child's experiences at St Mary's Nursery.