

#### November 2018

Dear Parents and Carers

The children have been really creative using Autumn leaves, twigs, conkers and acorns. We would appreciate it if, when you and your families were out walking, you could collect some natural resources for your children to use for arts and crafts and imagination using loose parts.

### Outdoor Clothing

The weather and temperature are now beginning to change, however children still enjoy being active and benefit from playing outdoors in all weathers.

Can you please ensure that your child has appropriate clothing and footwear to stay warm and dry outside? The nursery can provide wet suits to continue play at the water wheel and the mud kitchen.



# Visible Learning for All

We will be removing the name labels from the self registration board and moving towards pebbles with each child's name on. You and your child can look for their named pebble and place it in the box provided. Self registration encourages the sharing of learning between home and nursery.

We would also like to invite and encourage parents and carers to look at your own child's journal and to add any comments or share any feedback with the staff. If you wish you can take the journal home to share with family: just inform a member of staff.

A learning information board 'This Week in Nursery' will be displayed in the cloakroom area. This will be a snapshot of the learning opportunities within the nursery.

Your feedback on how Nursery staff communicate with parents and carers is very important to us. Please let us know what you think of these changes, either using the suggestion box or directly to any member of staff.

# Big Bedtime Read

We will introduce the Big Bedtime Read in nursery on Friday 9<sup>th</sup> November from 11 20am. Each week one child be chosen to take home a teddy and a diary to encourage shared learning at home and in nursery.



### Library Visits

We are hoping to restart our library visits now that our younger children have settled at nursery. We are considering a visit once a month combining it with inviting parents to our school library regularly. We will keep you updated with this.

### Childsmile

Childsmile will be in nursery on 20<sup>th</sup> November to varnish the children's teeth. Consent forms must have been completed to enable your child to participate in this programme. Consent forms should have been returned by 3<sup>rd</sup> November.

### IMPORTANT NOTES/DETAILS FOR YOUR DIARY

9 <sup>th</sup> November	Big Bedtime Read
20 <sup>th</sup> November	Childsmile

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

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