

### Staff Holidays

**Seda from baby room will be away the whole of this week. She will return as normal next week Monday.**

**Don't forget to let us know if you have any booked holidays coming up**

Many thanks



## **Weekly Newsletter**

**Monday 14<sup>th</sup> January 2019**

### Emails

As many of you are aware, before Christmas there was an issue with emails being sent from parents/carers to nursery and vice versa.

This has now been fixed, however any old emails which haven't been received cannot be retrieved. If you think you sent an email to Emma and I haven't responded please could you resend this.

I apologise for any inconvenience caused.

My email address is

[emma.cowie@st-saviours.waltham.sch.uk](mailto:emma.cowie@st-saviours.waltham.sch.uk)

I will get back to your ASAP

### Parents meeting

Parent meetings will be held on the 6<sup>h</sup> & 7<sup>th</sup> February 2019. Please speak to your keyworkers to book a 10 minute slot. You will be able to discuss your child's progress from last term and look at their goals for the coming term. You will also be able to share how they are at home and the things they are doing with you, as a lot of the time it is different to nursery.

### Collecting children

Please be reminded that if someone other than parents/carers/regular drop off collectors such as childminders are collecting children, you must inform a member of staff at drop off. If someone other than regular drop off/collectors arrive at nursery to collect your children we will be unable to release until we have spoken to yourself. This includes family members who we may know. If circumstances change during the day and someone else will be collecting please inform a member of nursery via telephone and ensure you have given the password to this person collecting.

### Diary Dates

**Cheese and Wine evening:** Thurs 17<sup>th</sup> Jan 5.30-6.30

**Phonics Play:** Commencing Tues 15<sup>th</sup> Jan

**Forest Schools:** Commencing Wed 16<sup>th</sup> Jan

**Parent/Key worker meetings:** Wed 6<sup>th</sup> and Thurs 7<sup>th</sup> February

**Half Term:** Mon 18<sup>th</sup> Feb – Fri 22<sup>nd</sup> Feb

**Easter Holidays:** Mon 8<sup>th</sup> Apr-Mon 22<sup>nd</sup> Apr

### Unwell Children

We would like to ask that you please do not bring unwell children to nursery.

It is imperative that unwell children are kept at home to recover properly so they do not pick up secondary infections.

It is that time of year again where coughs and colds are doing the rounds and of course we wouldn't expect children to stay home for this.

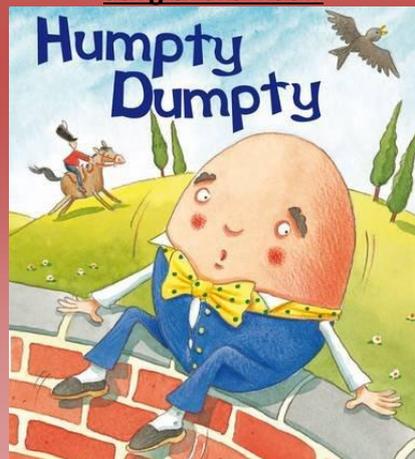
However when it is more than that and you need to give calpol/ibuprofen for longer than a day just to keep the temperature at bay children should not be in nursery.

If a child is unwell at nursery and cannot cope with the nursery day parents/carers will be called to collect their child.

### Bunny Room

This week in the baby room we will be doing lots of free play activities. We will encourage the babies to take out which toys they want to play with and do child led activities such as colouring. We will be practicing independence with them and self confidence.

### Song of the week:



### Tiger Room

We are going to continue to focus on settling back into nursery, by doing lots of craft activities, dressing up and making lovely rice krispies cakes.

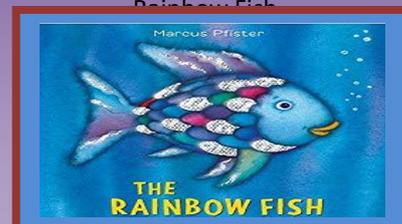
Also Tiger Room will be using scissor to encourage their fine motor skills (Small movements), to have good control using scissors. This will be supervised at all times.

### Song of the Week:

Wheels on the Bus

### Story of the Week:

Rainbow Fish



## Panda Room News

Forest Schools has started for this term; please add these dates to your calendar!

The dates would be:  
**January** 16<sup>th</sup>, 23<sup>rd</sup>, 30<sup>th</sup>  
**February** 6<sup>th</sup>, 20<sup>th</sup> and 27<sup>th</sup>  
**March** 6<sup>th</sup>, 13<sup>th</sup>, 20<sup>th</sup> and 27<sup>th</sup>.

Please remember to monitor the weather and to remember to dress your children appropriately for that day. If it is wet outside, we would recommend that you send their water proof clothing and wellie boots to nursery for their sessions as well, if it is cold remember to dress your child comfortably.

### Late pick up of children AM and PM Sessions

The Morning session finishes promptly at 11.45am and the afternoon session finishes promptly at 3.15pm. If your child is not collected on time, our legal liability relating to the staff/child ratio will be infringed as members of preschool staff must remain with your child until all children have been collected. When your child is collected late this has a big impact on their responsibilities to the children. Therefore any parent/carer who is late collecting their child will have to pay a late charge which helps to cover the additional staffing costs.

## Phonics

This week we will be learning the 'a' sound and practicing how to write it correctly using the writing phrase "around the apple, down the leaf."



Bounce: a-a-a-a-apple  
Handwrite: Round the apple,  
down the leaf

## Recycling!!

We are collecting old magazines, newspapers, catalogues, etc. For the nursery as we would like to encourage children's finer motor skills while trying to keep a greener approach to our learning.

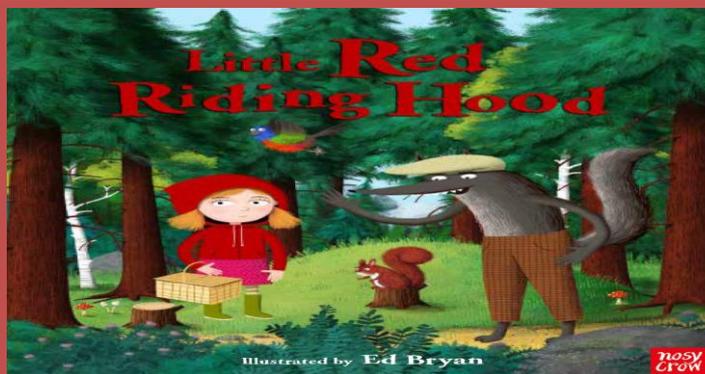
If you have any newspaper or old magazines that you have not yet recycled, please drop it off at the nursery in the mornings or when collecting your little ones!

### Trimming children's finger nails.

Please remember to keep your children's fingernails short for nursery. We have had a few accidental scratches to children whilst playing with each other over the autumn term.

### Spare Clothes

Please remember to send enough spare changes of clothes for your child to nursery. As the weather is starting to change could we also ask that you remember to add in a set of warmer clothes as well, so your children can continue to participate with outdoor activities when the weather is cooler.



Our Panda's will be learning about little red riding hood. They will be making masks, exploring different foods for our picnic baskets and we will be involving them with role play and turn taking as we talk and learn about the story of the week!