

Spring Term 2023/24

Safeguarding/Child Protection Officer—Mrs R Tyler

Friday 1st March

Dear Parents/Carers,

Believe it or not we are half way through the school year and there are glimmers of hope that Spring is on its way. Our children that joined us in January continue to settle and learn something new every week, it has been lovely to watch them progress.



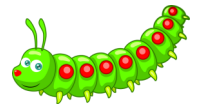
### Butterflies

An update on what we have been learning about, please talk to your child about it:

- We have some new friends in our room! The children are thrilled as a group of caterpillars have joined us and have progressed into the cocoon group.
- As part of our RE curriculum, this term we have been learning about our local community, gathering for the Eucharist and we continue to prepare for Easter. We are learning that Jesus died on Good Friday, Jesus rose from the dead at Easter. Easter is the church's celebration of Jesus' new life.
- We are continuing Phonics level 1 and we are making some really good progress with hearing and copying noises. Rhyme is an area that we will continue to develop through lots of lovely experiences. You can help us by singing some traditional rhymes with your child and sharing stories with rhyming words.
- As part of our winter topic we have read *Snowball* and discussed changes that happen in winter, we experimented with ice, tried hot chocolate and sorted hot and cold objects. We were lucky enough that it even snowed and the children could experience this.
- We have enjoyed reading *We're Going on a Bear Hunt*, retelling the story and acting it out. This story is a great opportunity to talk about different environmental features like the forest, river and caves. This a video of Michael Rosen performing the story <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=OgyI6ykDwds>
- Chinese New Year is always a topic we love learning about, we experienced Chinese food, had a Chinese restaurant role play and read a story about *The Great Race*.
- In Maths, we continue to count and learn all about number—you can support your child by asking them to find 3 blocks, 4 cars etc. We have been learning about the words on, in, under and behind.

### Caterpillars

- Transition of our new children is well under way and the children are settling in well.
- Communication continues to be our focus and we are doing chatterboxes, singing number songs daily and learning new skills such as using gesture, putting 2 words together and matching objects.
- The rhymes we have been learning are: 'Hickory Dickory Dock, '1,2,3,4,5', 'Twinkle, twinkle little star' and 'Incy Wincy Spider'—please sing these at home.
- We have read a story called *We're Going on a Bear Hunt* and we are joining in with the actions and repeating the main phrases such as "swishy swashy and tip toe."
- Toilet training is well under way for lots of caterpillars, thank you for your support in this area and please talk to us if you need some advice.



Parent/carer meetings will take place over the next couple of months depending on when your child started (please see the dates on the next page). You will be asked to choose a convenient time to come and discuss your child's progress with your child's teacher.



## Summer Uniform

In the hope that sunny days are coming, we do have a summer uniform that nursery children can wear after Easter:

- \* Royal blue polo shirt
- \* Navy jumper/Cardigan (NO WHITE CARDIGANS)
- \* Royal blue / Navy shorts / Blue and white gingham check shorts
- \* NO ALL IN ONE JUMPSUIT OR SUMMER DRESSES
- \* Trainers / shoes (NO JELLY SHOES OR SANDALS)

Please remember to send a change of clothes, including socks and underwear. Names should be in every item of clothing, including coats. Snack is £1 a week.

If your child is remaining in nursery next school year and you require a change in days/hours, now is the time to start requesting. Please email school [stbrigid@knowsley.gov.uk](mailto:stbrigid@knowsley.gov.uk) with your request and, as always, we will do our very best to accommodate you.

If you have a younger child or family member who would like a place in our nursery, please fill in an application form to go onto our waiting list. Thankfully we have been really successful here at St Brigid's nursery but it does mean that we are over subscribed. It is never too early to fill in a form for the future.

Just a reminder that we have a school foodbank, please indicate if you need support via email or feel free to hand in any goods you think may help others.

**Attendance**—Good school habits start early on and we really prioritise attendance here. We understand that children get ill and appreciate you keeping them at home to recover. However, if your child is missing nursery frequently you will be invited in to discuss the reasons and a plan to improve. If you feel you no longer require a place at nursery please let us know as soon as possible.

**Payments**—Just a reminder that we use parent pay for nursery dinners, if you are having difficulty accessing the system please come and speak to Mrs Steel. If you owe more than one week for dinners you will be asked to send a packed lunch for your child to ensure that debt does not creep up.

If you pay nursery fees, you will get your bill in advance with a payment date, fees must be paid in advance and by the date shown.

## Important Dates

Monday 11th March	Parent/Carers meetings will start for new starters (Jan24)	(these will happen over a period of 2 weeks)
Wednesday 27th March	Nursery closes for Easter	(*this date differs from the main school) Nursery remains open for CHILDCARE/HOLIDAY club
Monday 15th April	Nursery re-opens	
Monday 29th April	Parent/Carers meetings will start	(these will happen over a period of 3 weeks)
Monday 6th May	Nursery closed for May Day	
Friday 24th May	Nursery closes for 1/2 term	Nursery remains open for CHILDCARE/HOLIDAY club
Monday 10th June	Nursery re-opens	

As always, from the team and I, thank you for your continued support, it is a pleasure to care for your child.

**Mrs Richards**

(Senior Assistant Headteacher)

