

Friday 12th March



Dear Parents/Carers,

It has been an action packed week at nursery and the children have been busy exploring and learning with their friends and nursery teachers.

Travel to Nursery

As the school has returned this week I am sure many of you have noticed that the streets are much busier and many more cars are on the roads during the school drop off.

As part of the council improvement works, additional cycle storage outside of the school gates is coming soon. Unfortunately, we are still unable to store bikes and scooters inside the school grounds due to Covid-19 guidelines and ask parents to take these back with them once children arrive.

Whilst it is not possible for everyone, we do encourage children to walk, cycle or scoot to school where possible.

If you do have to drive, please ensure that you do so safely and considerately, switch off your engine while stationary and avoid parking on the zigzag lines.

Safer Verulam Avenue

Back in November, we applied to become a TfL 'School Streets' zone. This is something that we are really keen on as we recognise how important it is for our children and community to feel safe and healthy when in and around the nursery. We are proud that St. Saviour's are already hold the gold level accreditation of the TfL Travel Stars award and want to do even more to help improve air quality and road traffic around the school gates, ensuring that our staff, pupils and their families remain safe.

The exciting news is that works have begun to make Verulam Avenue part of the 'E17 Liveable Area' zone. This aims to:

- Provide a park-like, visibly appealing area outside of the school gates
- Improve air quality and have health benefits for pupils
- Improve access for walking, scooting and pushchairs
- Improve access for cycling
- Provide an additional 20 (predicted) spaces for cycle storage outside of the school gates
- Make the area safer for our pupils and families

You can get a sense of what Verulam Avenue might look like from the images of other E17 Liveable





Holidays & Quarantine

If you are going on holiday or will be away, please be sure to let a member of staff in your child's room know or email Dawn. This is so we can ensure that we log it onto our system and do not disturb your holiday by phoning to query absence.

Please note the government is updating this list regularly, please do check regularly and inform the nursery if this affects you.

<https://www.gov.uk/guidance/coronavirus-covid-19-travel-corridors>

Baby Room Drop Off

As the school has returned, during the mornings the gates can get very busy and congested with many parents and carers dropping children off at school.

Baby Room children are currently dropped off at the main gate in the mornings and picked up from the main school gate.

To help accommodate the many families we have we are asking from **8:40 – 9:15 that Baby Room children are dropped off at the toddler room gate.** Before and after these times the children can be dropped at the main school gate.

A member of the baby room team will come and collect your child as usual. If you have any questions please contact us.

Funding Forms

As many of you are aware we have recently been sending out funding forms for parents to claim their Government funded hours. We have received some forms back but many have still not been returned. When returning your forms please ensure that they are filled out correctly and are signed in the required spaces. If you have any questions regarding the funding forms please get in touch with a member of the senior team.

New Arrivals

If you are expecting a new baby and plan for them to attend Little Learners please make sure you sign them up as soon as possible. We are experiencing a huge number of requests for places and our waiting list will have to close quite soon. We always priorities siblings if and where we can we can, however we need parents to plan ahead and sign little ones up as early as possible to secure a space in the desired room. If you are expecting we would like to say a big congratulations! We look forward to meeting your little ones soon.

If you have any questions please email Dawn.

Drop off and collection

When dropping off or collecting children from the nursery gate you **MUST** wear a mask unless medically exempt. This is to ensure the safety of other parents, families and our staff team.



What we have been up to this week...

This week at nursery, all of our bubbles have been very busy playing and learning. Here are some of our favourite activities.

Bunnies

This week we have been using hand prints to make Mother's Day cards. The children enjoyed the sensory experience of making marks in the paint and feeling the slippery texture. In our tuff trays we have enjoyed our sensory habitats. The children were very engaged with tipping and pouring the lentils with the animals.

Toddlers

This week we have been reading the Very Hungry Caterpillar. The children have had fun making caterpillar printing using potato mashes. To celebrate Mother's Day we made card for our special carers using our hand prints, the children.

Toddler +

In toddler plus we have been reading 'Little Red Riding Hood' the children have been counting cupcakes in Little Red Riding Hood's basket for Granma and remembering the sequence of numbers. We have also been writing a shopping list for Red Riding Hood and everything she will need for Granma, the children really enjoyed practicing writing their favourite foods down. For Mother's Day the children decorated mugs for their special carers.

Pre-school 4

The pre-school children have been very excited to explore their sensory tuff trays. This week we had a dinosaur swamp with real mud and greenery for children to explore the smells and textures. We have also been defrosting dinosaurs from ice cubes, we really enjoyed watching how the ice melts to reveal what's inside.

Something pre-school 4 have been very interested in this week is transient art, using natural objects to make patterns and pictures that are not a constant. This has helped children think about sharing and taking turns.

Little Learners in Nature

In the nature school the children have been measuring their bean stalks. We have used the cm blocks to measure the heights of our bean stalks and working out how much they've grown. Using the paints, Forest School have been practicing their letter formation. We used the brushes to trace some of our more challenging letters.