



# Nursery Newsletter

## Autumn Term 1



Mrs Platt

Miss Jones

Welcome to Nursery. All the children have settled remarkably well and are having lots of fun, learning, exploring, playing and making new friends. If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to come and speak to Mrs Platt or Miss Jones. We hope you and your child will enjoy all the activities and experiences that we will be planning this term.

There are many reasons why both Mrs Platt and Miss Jones love teaching Nursery. The laughs, unconditional love, enthusiasm and excitement we see every day, to name a few. But one important factor for us is the flexibility of what and how we teach. This in turn, gives us the chance to give the children lots and lots of experiences: owl visit, autumn walk, post office visit, four assemblies, hatching ducks, theme day, charity days, cinema visit, pantomime etc. We will endeavour to give your child THE BEST year we possibly can!

### Nursery Fund

Thank you to those parents who have already paid their school fund. We cannot manage in Nursery without this money, which covers items such as creative materials, extra snack and play dough. The cost of this is £35.00 per year. We have already given you an envelope with your child's name on. Please return this money as soon as possible, so that we can bank it. Thank you.



### Snack

Milk and fruit are provided daily for the children. We also add extra snacks paid from the Nursery fund. Children decide when they are hungry and want to eat their snack. This encourages independence. Water is available all day for them which is why we do not need water bottles. There is a menu in the café to promote 'making sense of print' for the children. The children learn to share, take turns, communicate, spread (butter/cheese), pour and tidy up. The cups are washed in hot soapy water by a teacher throughout the day.

### Diary Dates

- 3<sup>rd</sup> October: Harvest Festival Assembly (children only)
- 14<sup>th</sup> October: 6pm Reading, Writing and Assessment meeting
- 16<sup>th</sup> October: Autumn Walk 9.15am
- 21<sup>st</sup> October: Owl Visit for nursery (Cheshire Falconry)
- 24<sup>th</sup> October: BREAK UP
- 3<sup>rd</sup> November: Return to school
- 12<sup>th</sup> November: Individual photographs
- 17<sup>th</sup>/18<sup>th</sup> November: Parents' evening (online)
- 21<sup>st</sup> November: Children In Need
- 5<sup>th</sup> December: Christmas Dinner and Christmas Jumper Day
- 9<sup>th</sup> December: Nursery nativity (10am)
- 12<sup>th</sup> December: Nursery Christmas party day
- TBC: Pantomime (more info. to follow)
- TBC: Cinema Trip (more info. to follow)
- TBC: Post Office Visit (more info. to follow)
- 17<sup>th</sup> December: Toy Day/Break Up
- 18<sup>th</sup> December: Teacher Training Day
- 5<sup>th</sup> January: Return to school

### PTA

The PTA (Parent Teacher Association) are always looking for volunteers. This is a fantastic opportunity to support the school and meet new friends. Please let us know if you would be interested in helping in any way at all. Their support to school is invaluable to the children.

**Star of the Week**

We will choose a star of the week on a Friday afternoon for somebody that is showing our Christian values. This child will receive a special medal to keep. Throughout the year, everybody will have a turn.

**SHOW AND TELL**

In circle time on a Friday we will have 'show and tell'. This will begin in Autumn 2. The theme will be 'We Love Books'. Children are invited to bring a photograph of themselves reading in an unusual place and a copy of one of their favourite books (with their name in please). We will send a timetable of which Friday is your child's 'Show and Tell' day.

**Water Bottles**

Children in Nursery do not need to bring a water bottle into class as they have access to water all day. We encourage the children to pour their own water and then put their dirty cup into the sink for the teacher to wash. We have found it unhygienic for water bottles in Nursery as some children will just drink from any. Pouring their own water encourages independence and good fine motor skills.

**Wetsuits and Wellies**

We will be teaching children how to put on wetsuits so they can access the outdoor water, sand and digging areas. Please ensure your child has a pair of wellies with their name on. Wetsuits are provided by school. Please leave these in school on their class stand.

**Book Bags**

Please could we ask for the book bags to be brought into school everyday. It is important that the children become familiar with this habit as we will pass letters, information and eventually reading diaries in their book bags. Please empty these bags daily as letters can be lost in 'busy' bags. Could we also ask that only one key ring be attached to the bag, if any? Preferably not a labuba as they are too big. Otherwise they do not fit into their tray. Just a reminder that rucksacks are discouraged as they do not fit in trays.

**Story time**

Every half term, Mrs Platt and Miss Jones will upload a video reading one of our core stories for that half term. This will be posted onto the school website during the last week of each half term.

**READING SUITCASE**

Part of phonics in Nursery is ensuring that the children 'read for pleasure'. This gives them the time to really 'enjoy' books and share them with the people they love. We will send home a 'reading suitcase'. This will contain a book, teddy bear, hot chocolate, marshmallows and a journal to record something about the book (maybe your favourite part, the characters or even draw a picture). This will be sent home on a Friday. Please return it on the following Monday. Every child will have a turn throughout the year.

**P.E**

Physical Education is on a Wednesday afternoon for one hour with 'Ed Start' (an outside sports agency). Children do not need pumps until November - for our Nativity show.

**Class reward system**

Our Nursery reward system is taken from the book, 'Have you filled your bucket today?' Every child has their own bucket for pom-poms which are given for good manners etc. (or taken out if they 'make the wrong choice'). When their bucket is full, they will receive a prize and begin again.

**NUTS and GRAPES**

As St. Andrew's is a nut free school, please could we ask you to only send in 'non nut based sweets' for birthdays, school trips, packed lunches or if you bring your child a treat at the end of the day. Any birthday treats sent into school should be given to the class teacher and be pre packaged and contain an ingredient label. Please could we also ask you to ensure grapes are cut up lengthways, if your child is bringing in grapes?

Thank you in advance for making Nursery a safe and healthy place for our children.

**Nursery Library**

Library will take place on a Friday. Children are able to choose a library book to borrow and take home to read. Please ensure this is returned in their bag the following Friday, otherwise they will not be able to choose a new book. Library will begin in the first week after half term.

**Autumn walk**

Every October we go on an autumn 'learning walk' to a local 'park'. This year this will take place on Tuesday 16<sup>th</sup> October. If you would like to volunteer to support us walk the children there, please see the class teacher. The walk usually lasts from 9.15am to 10.15am.

**Dinner choice**

Children that are on school dinners will have a choice of what they would like to eat. This is chosen the day before by them looking at a picture of the four options available. Known dietary requirements will be adhered to.

**School Website and Twitter**

We will update our Nursery page on our school website with photographs and information on what we have been up to whilst at school. Our school [website](https://www.st-andrews-worsley.salford.sch.uk/nursery/) is: <https://www.st-andrews-worsley.salford.sch.uk/nursery/>

We also have a school X account (formally known as Twitter). Please follow us and whenever possible write us a comment. @Standrewsce

We also have an Early Years [gmail](mailto:standrewsejfs@gmail.com) account which is purely for when we ask for photographs to be sent into class. [standrewsejfs@gmail.com](mailto:standrewsejfs@gmail.com)

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