

St James the Great Catholic Primary School

Dear Parents and Carers,

We hope that you had a lovely summer holiday!

Welcome to our Nursery! Our topic for this half term is 'My Family'. We will be learning about our families, homes, and different family traditions, as well as exploring fun activities we can do with our families.

We are very excited to invite you to our **'Welcome to Nursery Talk & Toast'** session on **Tuesday 9th at 8.50am** in the **Nursery class**. Please come along so that we can meet you and you can see what goes on in Nursery!

Early Reading and Phonics

On Mondays and Fridays, your child can choose a book from our reading corner with you to take home and share together. The Nursery classroom will be open at **8:40 am** for you to choose a book with your child. Please remain with your child during this session and write the title of the book, sign it, and draw a smiley face next to it in their reading diary.

One of the key ways children begin learning to read is by understanding the sounds that letters make—this is known as phonics. To support this early stage, we will be introducing a variety of fun and engaging pre-phonics activities that help build listening and communication skills. These include going on "listening walks," playing sound-based games, and exploring different noises using instruments and sound makers. During small-group sessions, your child will also enjoy singing songs, joining in with rhymes, and becoming more aware of the sounds all around them.

Collecting your child

We understand that it may be necessary for someone different from your family to collect your child at the end of the day. Please make sure you let us know at the beginning of the nursery session or later if it is an emergency by contacting the office so that we know who will be collecting your child and the connection between the child and the person collecting them. We are unable to let children go home with anyone who has not been named in advance or is not an adult.

Junk modelling

Junk modelling play provides children with the opportunity to explore how to construct and build their own models and as this involves using everyday objects around the house, please could you bring in recyclable materials such as cardboard boxes, yoghurt pots, tubes (kitchen towels), egg cartons.

Spare clothes

As the children undertake messy play, please bring in a bag of spare clothes including underwear for them to change into should they get wet, etc... during their play. This bag will remain in school on their peg unless it needs to be cleaned and replaced.

Water bottles

Please ensure that your child has a labelled water bottle so that they can have a drink throughout the day.

Fruit snack

The children will have a piece of Government provided fruit each day for a snack in morning and afternoon sessions.

If there is anything important that you need to discuss with a member of the Nursery Early Years Team then please do not hesitate to speak to us.

Thank you for your support and we look forward to an exciting year for your child in Nursery.

The Nursery Team