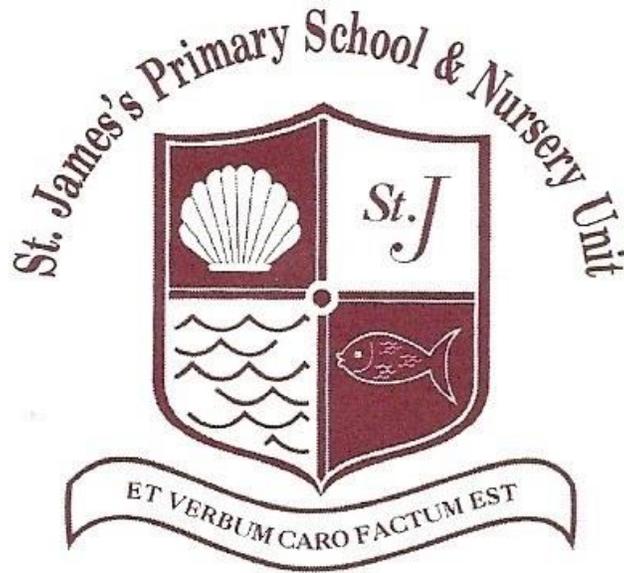


St James's Nursery News



September 2023



Hello everyone!

We hope you have all had a lovely summer, and are looking forward to starting your nursery journey. We are so excited to meet you.

We want to introduce you to your Nursery Team:



1 - Miss Morrow - Nursery Leader



2 - Miss Cullen - Nursery Teacher



3 - Miss Major - Nursery Teacher



4 - Mrs Gamble - Nursery Assistant



5 - Mrs McMurtry - Nursery Assistant

September Learning Focus



Theme: All About Me

Colour: Yellow

Shape: Circle

In September we will focus on getting to know your children, their likes and interests. We will help the children to develop confidence and feel comfortable in a new environment. We will support children to settle into a new routine and encourage them to form friendships with their peers while having fun.

We provide a child centred approach to learning, following the interests of the children.

Children will enjoy story and rhyme every day. We will start this school year by encouraging our children to take turns during conversation, to listen to others and wait.

We will model and co-play to facilitate and extend each child's experience.

Please understand that messy play is part of our learning – Children will get dirty on occasion.

Dates For Your Diary



Wednesday 20th September - Nursery Curriculum Meeting

Week beginning 25th September - Children stay for dinners

Wednesday 27th September - Birthday celebration for July, August and September birthdays

Wednesday 27th September - Coffee Morning - at 9:00am to 10.30am. All proceeds will go to Macmillan Cancer charity.

28th and 29th September - School closed to children

Out and About

9th September - Annual free entry day for National Trust properties as part of the European Heritage Open Day.

9th September - Belfast Zoo's Sensory Day see website <https://www.belfastcity.gov.uk/zoo/home>.

Nursery Fund

Nursery fund is used to pay for snack, replenishable resources such as playdough, birthday cupcakes, photographs (which will be sent home in your child's portfolio at the end of the year), additional thematic resources and to provide 'Jo Jingles' music sessions and special visits such as 'World of Owls' for the children among other things.

If you are unsure how to pay for Nursery Fund please don't hesitate to approach staff for assistance.

Dates for collection (£15 per half term) are:

8th September

3rd November

5th January

8th March

3rd May

3rd June

Session Times

Please refer to your child's individual timetable for their settling in period. If you are unsure, please ask your child's teacher.

Week beginning 2nd October - children will stay for a full day 9am - 1:30pm.

Starting School Ticklist



Please ensure you have provided:

- A spare change of clothes (including pants, socks, trousers, tshirt and jumper)
- Welly boots

- A coat

Only velcro trainers to be worn please.

Please remember that all dinners (including free school meals) must be booked on school money. If you need assistance setting up school money please approach Mary in the office.

Please ensure you write your child's name on all items of clothing.

Songs, Rhymes and Poems

Head, Shoulders, Knees and Toes

Head, shoulders, knees and toes, knees and toes

Head, shoulders, knees and toes, knees and toes

And eyes and ears and mouth and nose

Head, shoulders, knees and toes, knees and toes.

Ring Around the Rosie

Ring-a-ring-a-rosie

A pocket full of posies

A tissue, a tissue

We all fall down

The Listening Song (Sung to tune of Frere Jacques)

Eyes are watching,

Ears are listening,

Lips are closed,

Hands are still,

Feet are very quiet,

You should really try it.

Listening well, listening well.

If You're Happy and You Know It

If you're happy and you know it clap your hands
If you're happy and you know it clap your hands
If you're happy and you know it and you really want to show it
If you're happy and you know it clap your hands
If you're happy and you know it stomp your feet
If you're happy and you know it stomp your feet
If you're happy and you know it and you really want to show it
If you're happy and you know it stomp your feet
If you're happy and you know it shout hurray (hurray)
If you're happy and you know it shout hurray (hurray)
If you're happy and you know it and you really want to show it!
If you're happy and you know it shout hurray (hurray)

