



# Next Steps @ St Johns



Working together to build a firm foundation for learning and caring

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## This week at Nursery ...

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This week at nursery we have been talking about being healthy and talking together about what foods are healthy and unhealthy, and sorting them into piles. We've also been talking about making them big and strong ready for Sports Day next week! The children have been practising their running and hurdle skills!



The children have been counting fruits and making marks to represent numbers, as well as forming some letters in the role play school.



We have also been using our natural environment to collect materials to use to make stick figures. This helps the children with positioning different body parts, and let them decide what they wanted to use for legs, hands and body.

The children turned blue this week as they enjoyed playing with soapy foam, exploring the textures, and moulding shapes with it!



**Star of the Week**

**Gracie**



Our star of the week is Gracie for showing confidence and being independent when visiting her new school classroom.

Well done Gracie!





### **Sports Day**

Sports Day will take place next Tuesday 5<sup>th</sup> July, where the nursery children will join the school to take part in the races we've been practising. Parents are more than welcome to come along and watch - we will be participating at around 2pm (slightly later than the school children due to lunchtime arrangements).

### **Move Up Day**

Move Up Day is on Thursday 7<sup>th</sup> July. Any children who are already at nursery that day will be taken over to the school and collected by staff.

### **New Staff Member**

We are very pleased to announce we have a new member of staff joining our team from September. Libby Jones (a teacher currently at St John's) will be bringing her early years experience over to nursery 3 days a week. Libby is looking forward to returning to nursery (where her career began) and is excited to meet you all.

### **Changes**

For our younger children, please ensure you have confirmed in writing any changes to hours/days from September.

### **Photos**

Pre-schooler photos are available to purchase for £18. This can be paid in cash or through cheque - please see a staff member for cheque details if this is your preferred way to pay.

### **Toys from Home**

Can we ask that children DO NOT bring in toys from home. There has been a big increase in the amount of toys being brought in, and it's hard to keep track of them all to make sure they go home again.

### **Reminder - Leaving Dates**

Please can we remind you that if your child is leaving Next Steps this summer, please let us know the intended leaving day by next **Friday (8th July)**, otherwise we will assume it is the end of August and will invoice accordingly. Please talk to the nursery staff or e-mail the school office at [office@stjohnsmsn.co.uk](mailto:office@stjohnsmsn.co.uk).

### **Funding from September**

Please note that funding codes for extended hours need to be renewed by 31<sup>st</sup> August. Please ensure that a new declaration form for September is completed and returned as soon as possible.

### **Nursery Closure Dates**

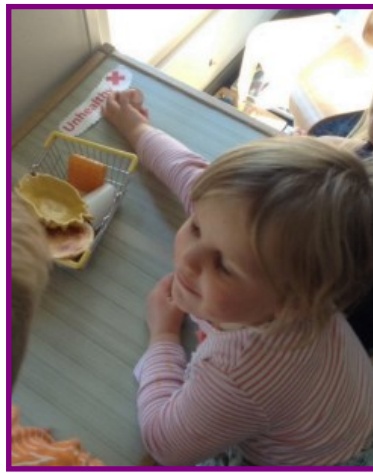
Please remember that the nursery will be closed for two weeks from Monday 1<sup>st</sup> of August, returning on Monday 15<sup>th</sup>.

Monday 29<sup>th</sup> August is a bank holiday and Thursday 1<sup>st</sup> and Friday 2<sup>nd</sup> of September are staff training days, so nursery will be closed for those days.

### **Nursery T-Shirts**

We will be introducing a new style nursery t-shirt in September, however the current style will continue to be suitable for wearing. We will now be selling the remainder of the current stock at a reduced price of £3.00 each (originally £6.50). Stock is very limited, so please contact a member of the nursery team as soon as possible if you interested in purchasing one.





## **Important Reminders**

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### **Consent Forms**

Please return the pupil consent forms so that we are aware of where we can display children's photos.

### **Summer Holiday**

1st August – Friday 12th August (back open on Monday 15th August)

### **September INSET Days**

The nursery will be closed for staff training on Thursday 2nd and Friday 3rd September.