

# St James's Nursery News



## February 2024

Welcome to the February Nursery News. This month is all about how we can feel and share our love with those around us, for ourselves and for the world in which we live.

Please read on for information on what your child is learning this month and upcoming events for your diary.

As the weather is still very cold, please ensure your child brings a coat to Nursery every day. You can help your child at home by helping them practise zipping or buttoning up their own coats.

## February Learning Focus



**Theme:** Happy Heart, Healthy Me!

**Colours:** Pink, Red, Purple

**Shape:** Heart

This month our learning potentials will focus on love. We will develop language skills to help children articulate who they love and why. We will learn about St Valentine's Day and its association with the heart shape.

Children will get the opportunity to explore our theme through a variety of heart crafts, baking experiences and mark making opportunities.

We will also learn this month about the importance of keeping our heart happy through healthy eating choices. Children will 'taste the rainbow' through a variety of fruits and vegetables, and will begin to identify and categorise some of these.

We will also celebrate Chinese New Year as well as make pancakes with the children to celebrate Shrove Tuesday.

## Dates For Your Diary



### FEBRUARY

- **Thursday 8th February** - St Valentine's Day Disco
- **Monday 12th February - Friday 16th February** - School is closed to children.
- **Week beginning 19th February** - Book Fair in school

### MARCH

- **Friday 1st March** - Jo Jingles & February Birthday Party
- **Thursday 7th March** - Mr Hullabaloo Show & World Book Day. Children can attend Nursery dressed as Nursery Rhyme characters.
- **Friday 8th March** - The Tiger Who Came to Tea - Afternoon Tea Party for the Children
- **Friday 15th March** - St Patrick's Day Celebration
- **Monday 18th March** - School is closed to children
- **Friday 22nd March** - Jo Jingles
- **Thursday 28th March** - Half day for the children & March Birthday Party. Beginning of Easter break.

### APRIL

- **Monday 8th April** - School reopens



## The Big Bedtime Read - reminder

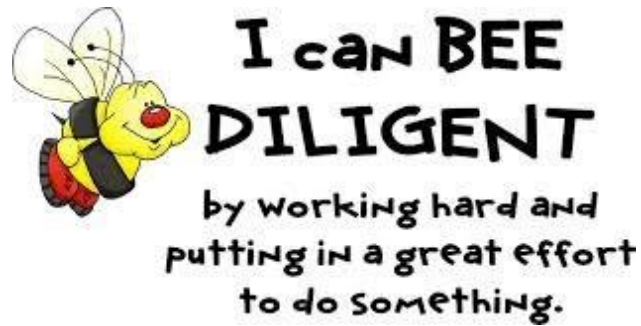


Thank you to all who attended our 'Big Bedtime Read' event last month. It was amazing to have your support with this event. The children and staff loved having you all come into Nursery to share books with us all.

Just a reminder that book packs are given out on **Thursday** and should be returned on the following **Tuesday**.

We cannot give out a new book pack until the previous pack has been returned, thank you.

## St James's PS & NU Value of the Month



In St James's Primary School and Nursery Unit we focus on a different value every month. This month we are focusing on diligence. At the end of the month one child from each class will be awarded a special certificate for showing diligence.

You may want to talk with your child about what diligence is and how we can be diligent.

Diligence in Nursery can be ... always trying our best!

WE WANT OUR CHILDREN AND YOUNG PEOPLE TO

THRIVE

RATHCOOLE & MONKSTOWN

Our partnership with THRiVE aims to promote aspiration, achievement, wellbeing and collaboration.

This month in Nursery we would like to celebrate how:

**We can learn.**

Our Nursery children are learning about their different emotions and healthy ways we can manage our emotions.

**We can be healthy and well.**

The children are learning about how we can love and look after ourselves by making healthy food choices, keeping our bodies healthy and developing our confidence and self-esteem.

**We can be connected.**

This month we can be connected by celebrating the relationships that are important to us while learning about St Valentine's Day.

The children will also be learning about celebrations in the world around them as we explore Chinese New Year, Shrove Tuesday & St Valentine's Day.

Please remember to have a look at our Community Notice board. If you belong to any local groups or organisations, and would like to contribute to our board please leave your promotion in the office with Mrs Brown.

## **Nursery Fund**

Thank you for your continued support of our 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 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.

## **February Songs, Poems and Rhymes**

### **Skinny Marinky Dinky Dink**

Skinny Marinky Dinky Dink

Skinny Marinky Do

I love you

I love you in the morning, and in the afternoon

I love you in the evening and underneath the moon

Oh, Skinny Marinky Dinky Dink

Skinny Marinky Do

I love you

### **Roses Are Red**

Roses are red

Violets are blue

Sugar is sweet

And so are you!

## **Daisy, Daisy**

Daisy, Daisy

Give me your answer do.

I'm half crazy all for the love of you.

It won't be a stylish marriage,

I can't afford a carriage.

But you'll look sweet,

Upon the seat,

Of a bicycle made for two

**I love you, You love me**

I love you

You love me

We're a happy family

With a great big hug and a kiss from me to you.

Won't you say you love me too!

I'm a Chinese Dragon (Sing to the tune of 'I'm a Little Teapot')

I'm a Chinese dragon,

See me dance!

Twisting and turning,

I jump and prance.

When it's Chinese New Year,

Take a chance.

Come and join with the dragon dance!

I'm a Chinese dragon,

Red and gold.



Lots of bright colours,

Live-ly and bold.

There are little dragons,

You can hold.

Lu-cky colours of red and gold.

### **Mix a Pancake**

Mix a pancake,

Stir a pancake,

Pop it in the pan;

Fry the pancake,

Toss the pancake,

Catch it if you can.