NEWSLETTER APRIL 2017

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ST PHILIP’S MARSH NURSERY SCHOOL

The theme after the Easter holidays will be ‘opposites’. The children will be playing a lot with language as well as beginning to learn many mathematical concepts. Some of the learning objectives and activities are displayed outside each class. Please talk to your child’s key person if you have any questions or suggestions. This information, and much more, is also published on the School website which is regularly updated ([www.stphilipsmarshnursery.co.uk](http://www.stphilipsmarshnursery.co.uk))

The children will also be learning about ‘life cycles’. The School has tadpoles which the children will look after and observe. Please take time to talk with your child about what they are learning.

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**Summer safety**

When the sun begins to shine it is important to take certain precautions. Please make sure you child’s shoulders are covered, bring a sun hat and, if you think it is necessary, apply sun cream before your child comes to school, some sun creams are available which will last all day. Staff are not permitted to apply sun cream to children. However, you can send in sun cream (labelled with your child’s name) and the staff will supervise whilst they apply it themselves. It might be a good idea for them to practice this at home first.

The children spend a lot of time outside: climbing; riding bikes and scooters; playing ball games; gardening and running around. Open-toed sandals, crocs and flip flops are not suitable footwear and can be dangerous. Please ensure your child wears suitable footwear to School.



**Planning appeal**

In 2015 Plutus Energy submitted an application for the proposal to install 48 low carbon, bio diesel powered generators within 200 metres of the Nursery School. We submitted objections and the planning application was withdrawn. It was re-submitted last year and rejected by the City Council. Plutus Energy have now appealed against the Council’s decision. The Planning Inspectorate has asked that local residents and others that may be affected by the proposals be informed and given the opportunity to make representations. We strongly urge parents to write objections, if you haven’t already done so, **by 28 April 2017** (for further information on how/where to do this please see the attached letter). A letter is also attached which could be used as a basis for your objection. This information is also available on the News section of our website ([www.stphilipsmarshnursery.co.uk](http://www.stphilipsmarshnursery.co.uk)).

**Curriculum Focus**

**Numeracy**

The children are exploring measurement, comparing lengths and heights using objects in the environment. For example, different lengths of ribbon, string or lace. You can talk to your child about how long or short a piece is. You can also use real measuring devices such as a tape measure or ruler and model the language of measure e.g. 4 cm long. Children also love measuring their height. You could make your own height chart using handprints. This is also a wonderful opportunity to encourage children to write their own numbers too.

**Literacy**

Explore with your child the different sounds we can make with our voices. Think about the sounds – hissing, cooing, wheeing, whistling, clicking, humming, hooting etc. Try to make sounds for objects in the house e.g. the microwave. Encourage your child to look in the mirror whilst making the noise to see how the shape of their mouth changes for each sound.

You can also find phase 1 phonics games online ([www.letters-and-sounds.com/phase-1-games.html](http://www.letters-and-sounds.com/phase-1-games.html)).

**Sainsbury’s vouchers**

We are currently collecting Sainsbury’s vouchers. The vouchers can be placed in the Sainsbury’s posting box in the library. As a result of last year’s voucher collection we were able to purchase sports equipment for the children to play with in the garden.

**Kim Booth**

We are delighted to inform you that Kim Booth will be returning to the Nursery after her maternity leave on 24 April. She will be the key person for Badger Group on Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday. We would like to thank Sadie Miller who has been covering Kim’s maternity leave and wish her the very best for the future.

**Facebook**

We are currently developing a Facebook page for the Nursery. We look forward to launching it soon and receiving your ‘likes’ and comments.



**Name tags for school uniforms**

School life is a lot easier when things don’t go missing. Now’s the time to get organised for those starting school and even those who are here at the Nursery School.

The clothes labels and stickers are extremely hardwearing and save a great deal of effort and potential lost property. They can be used on school uniforms, Brownies/Guides’ clothes, football kits, in fact almost anything!

For every order of personalised labels, “My Nametags” will contribute to the School. Order online at [www.mynametags.com](http://www.mynametags.com) and use our unique **School ID number 39301** and you’ll be raising much needed money for the School too.

**Community learning courses**

Bristol City Council are running two free community learning courses (cookery and health and beauty) at the Meriton Centre (next door) during June and July. For further information see the posters around the School or the News section on our website ([www.stphilipsmarshnursery.co.uk](http://www.stphilipsmarshnursery.co.uk))

A paediatric first aid course will be running here at the School during June and July. This course costs £39 or is FREE for parents/carers in receipt of means tested benefits. Please see the posters around the School for more details. Places on the course can be booked at Reception.

**School admissions**

For the children that are starting school in September you should now have been offered a place at a school. Please could you let your child’s key person know as soon as possible which school you have accepted (a list is displayed in each class).

**Speech and Language Therapists - Drop-in sessions**

The Speech and Language Therapy Service will be running the following FREE drop-in sessions:

At St Philip’s Marsh Nursery School:

Drop-in - Thursday 27 April (10.00-11.00 am) – a chance to speak to a Speech and Language Therapist

Confident Communicators - Friday 9 June (10.00-11.00 am) drop in for parents with questions or concerns about their child’s communication development

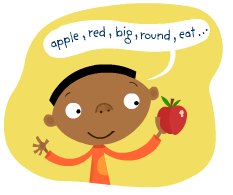
At Barton Hill Settlement:

Drop-in - Thursday 25 May (10.00-11.00 am) - a chance to speak to a Speech and Language Therapist

Talk and Explore – Friday 23 June (9.30-11.00 am ) learn new songs, pick up tips for talking and playing with your children

At Cashmore Early Years Centre:

Drop-in - Thursday 27 April (1.00-2.00 pm) - a chance to speak to a Speech and Language Therapist



**Dates for your diary**

Monday 3 April 9.15 am – Sing-along  
Thursday 6 April 3.00 pm – Sing-along

Friday 7 April – **School CLOSED** – INSET Day (behaviour and positive handling)

10 – 21 April (inclusive) – **School CLOSED** – Easter Holidays

Return to School – Monday 24 April

Thursday 27 April (10.00-11.00 am) – Speech and Language Drop-in – a chance to speak to a Speech and Language Therapist

**28 April** – Date by which objections must be lodged with Planning Inspectorate regarding appeal

Monday 1 May – **School CLOSED** – Bank Holiday

29 May – 2 June (inclusive) – **School CLOSED** – Half term holidays

Return to School – Monday 5 June

Friday 9 June (10.00-11.00 am) – Speech and Language Confident Communicators (drop in for parents with questions or concerns about their child’s communication development)

Best wishes for a good Easter break.







To the Planning Inspectorate

**Ref. W/17/3167991**

**Avonbank Feeder Road Bristol BS2 0TH**

I wish to object to the proposal to site 48 bio-diesel generators and infrastructure 200 metres from my child’s nursery school, in the heart of Bristol.

• This application has already been rejected twice by Bristol City Council, in a democratic process.

• Diesel generators – even burning ‘bio diesel’- increase the levels of fine particulate matter (PM 2.5 pollution).

• Ultrafine particles can cause lung damage, cancer, and heart attacks, and stunt the physical development of children.

• Bristol’s average levels of PM 2.5 already exceed the World Health Organisation (WHO) recommended threshold – and our Nursery School is already in an air quality management zone.

• Bristol Policy DM14 states ‘Development that will have an unacceptable impact on health and wellbeing will not be permitted’.

It is my view that this development will increase the level of pollution and have an unacceptable impact on health and wellbeing for the parents and children who use our school and for the residents of nearby Lawrence Hill.

If this development is allowed it will set a dangerous precedent for future development in Bristol and will run against the democratic decision of Bristol City Council and the express wishes of many hundreds of parents and other residents who have objected to this harmful proposal.

I ask that the Planning Inspectorate respect our local democracy and our children’s wellbeing by rejecting this appeal.

Our children’s health is a priority for our city. This proposal is the wrong solution in the wrong place.