NEWSLETTER APRIL 2018

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ST PHILIP’S MARSH NURSERY SCHOOL

The theme this term 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. We are also chitting potatoes and these will be planning shortly.

Please take time to talk with your child about what they are learning.

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**Staff changes**

The Local Authority is leading a review of staffing that is paid for by Children’s Centre funding. Because of the change to the way in which Children Centres are funded Mrs Luton and Mrs Derham left St Philip’s Marsh Nursery School on 23 March. We will organise an opportunity for us all to say goodbye and thank Mrs Luton and Mrs Derham during next term.

Other staff changes include Vikki Carter working Monday and Tuesday in Elm Class (2 year olds). Alison Payne will continue to work in Elm Room on Wednesday, Thursday and Friday.

**Governor changes**

It is with deep regret we have to inform you that Jo Gray has decided (after much deliberation) to resign as Vice Chair of the Governing Body. We would like to thank Jo for her dedication to the school community over the last 20 years. Mary Hodges has now taken on the role of Vice Chair.

We would like to welcome Alice Maimone (currently a volunteer at the school) who has taken up the position of Governor.

**Summer safety**

When the sun begins to shine (hopefully!) 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. Please do not leave sun cream in your child’s bag but ensure it is given to your child’s key person.

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.



**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)).

**Scarlet fever**

Before the Easter break, the School had one confirmed case of Scarlet Fever.  Please speak to a member of staff/phone the school if you suspect that your child has been affected.  Further information can be found on the attached website

[www.nhs.uk/conditions/scarlet-fever](http://www.nhs.uk/conditions/scarlet-fever)

**Easter egg hunt**

Many thanks to the Friends of St Philip’s, parents/carers, staff and children who supported the fundraising event.  We raised the grand total of £229.50.



**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.

**School admissions**

For the children that are starting school in September you will shortly be 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 will be displayed in each class) so that we can start to arrange transition meetings.

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

**Thursday 19 April 1.00-2.00 pm** – Cashmore Early Years Centre

**Thursday 3 May 10.00-11.00 am** - Barton Hill Settlement

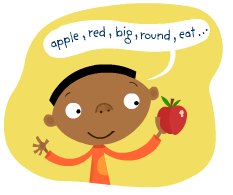
**Thursday 17 May 10.00-11.00 am** – St Philip’s

**Thursday 21 June 10.00-11.00 am** – Barton Hill Settlement

**Speech and Language Confident Communicators**

Session 1–**Tuesday 1 May 10.00-11.30 am**Session 2–**Tuesday 8 May 10.00-11.30 am**

at St Philip’s (no crèche available)



**Dates for your diary**

**Tuesday 1 May 10.00-11.30 am** -Confident Communicators course

**Monday 7 May** – School CLOSED for Bank Holiday

**Tuesday 8 May 10.00-11.30 am** -Confident Communicators course

**Thursday 17 May 10.00-11.00 am** – Speech and Language Drop-in

**Monday 28 May to Friday 1 June** (inclusive) – School CLOSED for Half Term holiday

**Monday 23 and Tuesday 24 July** – School CLOSED (INSET days