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ST PHILIP’S MARSH NURSERY SCHOOL

Happy New Year to everyone

**Welcome back to the new term**

For the next few weeks the children’s learning will be around the theme of ‘changes’. The children will be observing changes in the natural environment and how different materials can change, for example through cooking, freezing and melting.

We will also be celebrating Chinese New Year “Year of the Pig”. Chinese New Year is always a really exciting celebration for the children and an opportunity to learn about a different culture and language. We will be tasting Chinese food, and so if you have any concerns please your child’s key person. The children will also be learning different ways of expressing themselves through music and dance.



**Friends of St Philip’s Winter Fayre**

We are delighted to announce that proceeds from the Winter Fayre amounted to **£616.47**. Once again, thank you to the Friends of St Philip’s, staff, parents/carers and children for supporting the event.

**INSET Day**

**Friday 15 February** - INSET day – School **CLOSED**

**Parents’ Evenings**

Parents’ evenings are being held on:

**Thursday 24 January – 3:45–5:30pm**

**Tuesday 29 January – 3:45–5:30pm**

This is an opportunity for you to discuss how your child is progressing and talk to their key person about any concerns you may have. Please book a slot on the appointment sheet which will be displayed in due course.

**Children’s bags**

We would be grateful if you could ensure that there is always a bag on your child’s peg which contains at least one change of clothes. If your child is in nappies please also ensure that there are sufficient nappies and wipes.

**World Book Day**

World Book Day is 7 March 2019 and we are celebrating it on **Wednesday 6 March**. Your child is invited to dress up in pyjamas, bring a teddy, their favourite book and donate £1. The money raised will fund new books to be sent to Africa.

**Rhymes of the term**

We continue to have rhymes of the term across the School so please check the board in the classroom so that you can sing it at home with your child. All rhymes are also available on the school website [www.**stphilipsmarshnursery**.co.uk](http://www.stphilipsmarshnursery.co.uk)

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**Activities to do at home**

**Literacy - Sound-talking**

Developing children’s ability to attentively listen to sounds around them, such as the sounds of their toys and to sounds in spoken language, is one of the starting points to developing children’s awareness of sounds and letters. This will eventually enable them to become confident readers and writers. At home you could try the following activity to support your child with this.

Find real objects around your home that have three *sounds* and practice ‘sound talk’. First, just let them listen, then see if they will join in, for example, saying:

‘I spy a p-e-g – peg.’   
‘I spy a c-u-p – cup.’  
‘Where’s your other s-o-ck – sock?’  
‘Simon says – touch your ch-i-n - chin.’ ‘Simon says – pick up your b-a-g - bag.

**Numeracy – Time**

Encouraging children to notice order,   
predicting what comes next and recalling what they have done earlier will help them to become increasingly aware of time. Talk to your children about activities in natural contexts, for example: how long until   
bedtime, how long cakes need to be in the oven, how many sleeps until a child’s   
birthday.

**School Library**

The school library is open. Please use it! The best way you can help your children learn to read is by enjoying reading books with them in a relaxed and comfortable way.



**Severe Weather**

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[www.bristolcity.gov.uk](http://www.bristolcity.gov.uk)

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**Clothing**

As the weather is getting colder, children will need appropriate clothing and footwear. We go into the garden in all weathers. All clothing and footwear must be labelled. It would be helpful if you could show your child how to put their hat and gloves into the sleeve of their coat when they take them off to prevent them being lost.

**Some important dates**

**Thursday 24 January (3.45-5.30 pm)** - Parents Evening

**Tuesday 29 January (3.45-5.30 pm)** – Parents Evening

**Friday 15 February** - INSET day – School CLOSED

**18 - 22 February (inclusive)** - Half term holiday – School CLOSED

Return to School – **Monday 25 February**

Celebration of World Book Day – **Wednesday 6 March**