NEWSLETTER MAY 2019

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ST PHILIP’S MARSH NURSERY SCHOOL

After half term, we will be celebrating the Islamic festival of Eid al-Fitr and we would like to wish our families “Eid Mubarak”.

**Summer safety**

When the sun begins to shine it is important to take certain precautions. Please make sure your child’s shoulders are covered, bring a sun hat (labelled with your child’s name) and, if you think it is necessary, apply sun cream before your child comes to school. It would be difficult for staff to apply sun cream to children due to the number of children attending the setting each day and due to allergies. There are sun creams available that last all day and this would be preferable. 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.



**INSET Day**

**Wednesday 12 June** – School CLOSED (INSET day)

**Gas-fuelled generators**

It is with great pleasure that we announce the favourable outcome of the Planning Committee decision last week on the proposed construction of a gas-fuelled power plant near the school. As a result of the passion and strength of feeling of the community, the Planning Committee were unable to approve it. We would like to relay our sincere thanks to the parent/carers, children, staff, governors, and associate members for their support.

**Times of sessions**

Please could we remind parents of the session times. The morning session starts at **8.45 am** and finishes at **11.45 am**. The afternoon session starts at **12.30 pm** and finishes at **3.30 pm**. We understand that the start and end of the sessions are extremely busy times of the day and the car park is often crowded and allowances should be made for this. If on the odd occasion you anticipate being late to pick up your child, please could you phone the school to let us know. This avoids your child becoming upset.

Please note that Breakfast Club starts at **7.45 am** and due to insurance purposes children cannot be signed in before that time.

**Parent consultations**

Parent consultations will be held on:

**Thursday 13 and Tuesday 18 June  
(3.45-5.30 pm)**

This is a chance to talk to your key person about your child’s learning. Please note that this is for children who will NOT be returning in September. (Children returning in September will be able to attend parent consultations in October.)

**Toys from home**

Please avoid bringing toys from home as children get very distressed if their toy from home gets misplaced.

**Staffing and governor changes**

We would like to welcome Tracey Gudonis to our Governing Body as Parent Governor and we look forward to working with her over the next few years.

**Desperately seeking …**

We are developing a house in the garden into a potting/garden shed and bird observation point. We would welcome donations of the following:

* Flower pots
* Watering cans
* Trowels/garden tools
* Small wooden shelves/benches
* Gardening books
* Binoculars
* British bird books



**Snack donations**

The school provides free milk for all children. We do, however, rely on donations of fruit, vegetables (e.g. carrot sticks, cucumber, peppers) and other healthy snacks (e.g. cheese, bread sticks) for your child to share at snack time**. If you could bring in a small amount each week it would be greatly appreciated.**



**Parking and children’s safety**

Your child’s safety is our number one priority at all times. We ask you to make sure that this is yours too. Every school in Bristol has an issue with parking and we are no exception. We are fortunate that we have a small car park at the front of the premises that parents can use. This can get very congested and if you are in a hurry it is best to park in a nearby side street. Walking, cycling and lift sharing are all ways in which to reduce congestion. **Please ensure you keep a close eye on your child whilst walking in and out of the school and especially around the car park.**

**Facebook**

We have a Facebook page for the Nursery. We look forward to receiving your ‘likes’ and comments. Please also share.



**Dates for your diary**

**Monday 27 to 31 May** (inclusive) – School CLOSED for Half Term holiday

**Wednesday 12 June** – School CLOSED (INSET day)

**Thursday 13 and Tuesday 18 June** – parent consultations (3.45-5.30 pm)

Zoolab – **Monday 8 July**

“This is Our Community” celebration day – **Wednesday 17 July**

Sing-alongs:  
**Friday 19 July - 9.15 am** and  
**Tuesday 23 July - 2.30 pm**