NEWSLETTER NOVEMBER 2019

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ST PHILIP’S MARSH NURSERY SCHOOL

Due to a major leak at our sister site (Cashmore Early Years Centre), the Centre will be closed for a number of weeks whilst the damage is repaired. We are delighted to welcome the families to St Philip’s. This may affect parking and we appreciate your patience during this time.

**Colour and light**

This term we will be working with the children on the theme of colour and light. The children will be learning about autumn and seasonal changes, bonfires and fireworks and the Christian celebration of Christmas. The children will also be learning about mixing colours and experimenting with a range of art techniques.



**Primary School Applications**

Please remember that the deadline for applying for a Reception Class place for your child is 15 January 2020. The Council are requesting that this is carried out on line where possible at [www.bristol.gov.uk/schooladmissions](http://www.bristol.gov.uk/schooladmissions). Please record your choices on the sheet in your child’s class.

**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 in the morning and afternoon. If you could bring in a small amount each week it would be greatly appreciated.

It is the time of year for cold viruses and we would also appreciate donations of **boxes of tissues** for the children’s use.

**School closure**

We always endeavour to keep the school open and plan carefully for all eventualities. However, on occasions we have had to close because of severe conditions. This is usually snow related and because of Health and Safety or staff shortages. If we are in a situation where we cannot open the school it will be announced on Local Radio Stations (Radio Bristol 95.5FM), and published on the Local Authority website and School website and Facebook page.

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

[www.stphilipsmarshnursery.co.uk](http://www.stphilipsmarshnursery.co.uk)

**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 to put their hats and gloves into the sleeve of their coat when they take them off to prevent them being lost.



‘All weather’ suits are also a very good way to keep children dry and can be purchased quite reasonably.

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**Sickness**

If your child has sickness and/or diarrhoea please remember that they must stay off school for at least **48 hours** from the last time that they were ill. Also, it is the time of year where coughs and colds are occurring. If your child is unwell keep them at home and telephone the School on 0117 977 6171 to report the absence. We can only give prescribed medication at school that has a pharmacist sticker on the bottle or box with your child’s name on it – we cannot give any medicines that you have bought over the counter.

**Promoting languages**

We are very lucky that we have a number of staff employed at the nursery who are multilingual. We promote learning languages throughout the nursery and teach the children greetings, numbers, colours, animals, shapes etc. We like to teach the children songs in a range of languages and also read stories in different languages. If you know of any songs that we could teach the children, please see your child’s key person.

**New menu**

We have a new lunchtime menu, a copy of which you can pick from Reception or is displayed on the school website. The price of a meal is now £2.00 (**payable in advance**).

**Parking**

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. **PLEASE DO NOT PARK** **IN THE CAR PARKS OF LOCAL BUSINESSES (e.g. Gullivers, Fox Storage)**. Not only is this very dangerous but you may well get clamped.

**Increase in fees**

Please be advised that from 1 January 2020 fees will be increasing to:

Breakfast £5.00
(7.45-8.45 am)
Morning session £22.00
(8.45-11.45am)
Afternoon session £22.00
(12.30-3.30pm)
After school £11.00
(3.30-5.45pm)

**Forthcoming events**

**Christmas parties**

All classes will host two parties:

Party 1 – Tuesday 17 December - AM
Party 2 – Thursday 19 December - PM

Further details to follow in the December Newsletter.

**Christmas dinner**

Christmas dinner is going to take place on **Wednesday 18 December**. If your child does not normally attend on this day they can attend for Christmas dinner. Further details will follow in due course.

There will be a list available in each key group that you will need to sign so that we can order the correct number of turkeys (this needs to be done by the beginning of December). The cost of a school dinner is £2.00 and this is payable **in advance** (unless you are entitled to Free School Meals).



**Christmas sing-alongs**

We will be hosting Christmas sing-alongs this year on **Monday 16December at 9.00 am and Friday 20 December at 2.45 pm**. Please come along.

Please see your child’s key person if you have any questions or queries regarding any of the above arrangements.



**Friday 20 December** - Last day of term – all sessions as normal

School CLOSED for holiday – **Monday 23 December to Friday 3 January (inclusive)**

**Monday 6 January** - INSET DAY – School CLOSED

Return to School – **Tuesday 7 January**