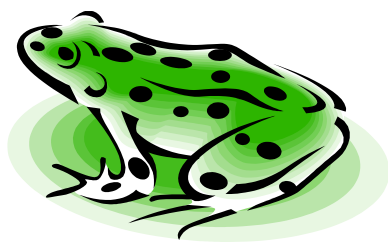


NEWSLETTER JANUARY 2022



ST PHILIP'S MARSH NURSERY SCHOOL

Happy New Year!

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 Tiger". 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.



INSET Days

The School will be CLOSED for the following INSET days:

Friday 18 February and Monday 28 February

COVID-19

Please continue to follow the measures to help reduce the spread of the virus:

We respectfully ask parents/carers to wear face masks/coverings whilst on school premises.

Do NOT come to Nursery if you, or anyone that you have contact with, has symptoms of COVID-19 (fever, cough, fatigue, loss/change of sense of taste and/or smell, vomiting, diarrhoea). Follow government guidelines.

If your child displays symptoms of COVID-19 they should self-isolate and you should arrange a PCR test for them. They can only return to school if the PCR test is negative. We cannot accept negative lateral flow tests.

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.stphilipmarshnursery.co.uk

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.

Grundon's appeal

As you are probably aware, Grundon's have appealed against the Council's decision to refuse planning permission for the erection and operation of a food waste transfer station opposite St Philip's Marsh Nursery School. We would be extremely grateful if you could take the time to send in your objections by 3 February 2022. Below is a link to our website which contains a document to guide your objection but please do not simply cut and paste. How to object (including the hyperlink) is also included in the document.

<https://stphilipsmarshnursery.co.uk/2022/01/27/21649/>

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 due to bad weather

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. We will also send an email to you via ParentPay.

www.bristolcity.gov.uk

www.stphilipsmarshnursery.co.uk

World Book Day

World Book Day is 3 March 2022 and we are celebrating it on **Wednesday 2 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.



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.



Clothing

As the weather is colder, children will need appropriate clothing and footwear. We go into the garden in all weathers. All clothing and footwear should 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.



Please ensure your child's bag contains enough **nappies and wipes** for the session (if they are in nappies/pull-ups) and **spare clothes (labelled)** in case we have to change children after toileting accidents or from water play. If your child comes home in nursery clothes, please could you return them as soon as possible.

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 for coughs and colds. 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/box with your child's name on it – we cannot give any medicines that you have bought over the counter.

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

Please also make sure you shut the gates behind you when entering/exiting the premises.

New parent governors needed

Our Nursery School Governing Body is made up of community, parent, staff and Local Authority Governors. Our Governors may come to us through a variety of routes and with a range of different backgrounds, skills and experiences, but they are all volunteers who work together for the benefit of the School and are the link between the School and the community it serves. We are currently looking for a new parent governor.

Being a Governor can be enjoyable, stimulating and rewarding. Please don't be put off by thinking that you have to have specialist expertise or knowledge. Enthusiasm and interest is much more important to start with and there is tried and tested training and support available to help you throughout. Please remember you will be joining a long-established Governing Body and will be supported by fellow Governors with many years of combined experience.

If you would like more information, please contact myself (Simon) or Maggie.

Winter raffle

Thank you to the parents/carers for supporting our winter raffle. We raised the fantastic amount of £315 for school funds (which will be spent on children's activities in the future).

Forthcoming events

Date by which objections to Grundon's appeal are to be made – **3 February 2022**

School **CLOSED** for INSET day – **Friday 18 February**

School **CLOSED** for half term holiday – **Monday 21 to Friday 25 February (inclusive)**

School **CLOSED** for INSET day – **Monday 28 February**

Word Book Day celebration – **Wednesday 2 March**

At St Philip's Marsh Nursery School we are committed to safeguarding and promoting the welfare of children and young people. This is our safeguarding team.



Simon Holmes – Headteacher
Designated Safeguarding Lead



Denise Draper – Deputy Headteacher
Deputy Safeguarding Lead



Sharon Cutler – School Business Manager
Deputy Safeguarding Lead



Tracey Gudonis – Governor
Named Safeguarding Governor