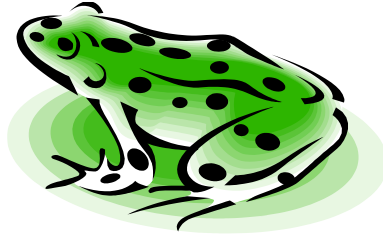


NEWSLETTER MARCH 2022



ST PHILIP'S MARSH NURSERY SCHOOL

We are delighted that the children have adapted very well to the opening of a new classroom and change of environment. There is a wonderful atmosphere in the school.

Changes

The children will be continuing to learn about changes, including life cycles. We will be chitting and planting potatoes. Each class will look after tadpoles and observe the changes that happen.



After the Easter holidays the topic will be 'Opposites'. This will involve the children playing with language as well as beginning to learn mathematical concepts.

Returners

If your child is due to return to us in September, you will receive a form from us shortly regarding the sessions that you will require. Please could you return the form by **Monday 25 April** as we will then be writing to families with children on the waiting list to offer them places.

Curriculum Focus

Literacy

Easter is a great time of year to encourage your child to recognise print in the environment. If your child is given an Easter egg you can read the name of product e.g. 'Buttons' or the names of other food items in the cupboard e.g. 'Kelloggs', 'Heinz'. This can then lead on to talking about

other environmental print e.g. road signs, shop names.

Numeracy

Easter is also an ideal time to talk about 3D shapes. If your child is given an Easter egg you can talk about the shape of the box (e.g. cuboid, cube) and the egg (ovoid). This can then lead on to talking about other shapes in the environment e.g. a pipe being a cylinder, an ice-cream cone being a cone.

Session times

Please could we remind parents of the session times. The morning session starts at **9.00 am** and finishes at **12.00 noon (door opens at 11.55 am)**. The afternoon session starts at **12.15 pm** and finishes at **3.15 pm (door opens at 3.10 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 in an emergency 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. This is particularly important at the end of the day pick-up.

If you have to pick up your child before the end of the session, please **pick up before 2.55 pm** (afternoon session) and **before 11.40 am** (morning session). At the end of each session we have story, song or sound and it is important that this is not disturbed. **It is an important part of their phonics and numeracy learning which needs to take place in a quiet atmosphere to develop listening and attention skills.**

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 and cycling 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.

Appropriate clothing

As the weather is wet and cold, children will need appropriate clothing and footwear. We go into the garden in all weathers. 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 getting lost. As a result of heavy rain, the garden can be muddy. We would be grateful if parents could bear this in mind when dressing their children. Please do not dress your child in their best clothes for nursery.



Please also ensure you write your child's name in their clothes and coats as many children have the same clothes, the same size and from the same shop.

Bags with spare clothes, nappies and wipes

Please ensure that you always have a change of clothes in a bag on your child's peg (labelled with your child's name) and **nappy sacks/plastic bags to take home wet clothes**. For those children in nappies, please also ensure you have nappies and wipes in their bag.

If your child has come home in nursery clothes, please could they be washed and returned as soon as possible.

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.



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

Staff changes

We would like to welcome Ashton who will be working as an SMSA every day and in Fir Class on Thursday and Friday.

Book sales at Tesco Brislington

All proceeds from donated books at Tesco Brislington this month will go to St Philip's Marsh Nursery School. The school fund pays for new resources and activities for the children. Please donate any unwanted books at the Customer Service desk and also buy books by popping money in the collection box provided. The bookcase can be found at the checkouts. Thank you in advance (every little helps!).



World Book Day

We recently celebrated World Book Day when the children (and even the grown-ups) wore costumes or their pyjamas to school. We raised £22 which will be sent to fund books in Africa.

New parent governors needed

Our Governing Body is made up of community, parent, staff and Local Authority Governors. Our Governors come from 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 new parent governors.** 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 training and support available to help you. Please remember you will be joining a long-established Governing Body and will be supported by fellow Governors with many years of experience. If you would like more information, please ask Maggie on Reception.

Some important dates

Monday 11 to Friday 22 April (inclusive) - Easter holidays – School CLOSED

Monday 2 May – Bank Holiday – School CLOSED

School photographer – **Wednesday 25 May (morning) and Thursday 26 May (afternoon)**

Monday 30 May to Friday 3 June (inclusive) – half term holiday – School CLOSED

Best wishes for a good Easter break.

