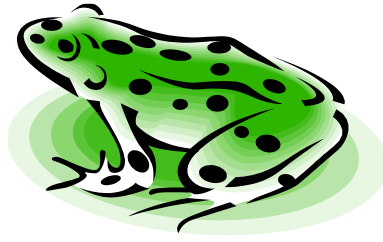


NEWSLETTER MAY 2022



ST PHILIP'S MARSH NURSERY SCHOOL

We are delighted to welcome new children to the school this term. There is a wonderful atmosphere in the school.

We are 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 (hopefully!) it is important to take certain precautions. Please make sure your child's shoulders are covered, bring a **water bottle** (labelled with your child's name), 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 give 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 our child wears suitable footwear to School.

Bag on your child's peg

Please always provide a **bag with spare clothes** (labelled with your child's name), **wet wipes and spare plastic bags** (to bring home wet clothes) and **nappies** (if your child is in nappies) which will be kept on your child's peg.

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 and use the gated pathway rather than walking through the car park.**

Staff and Governor changes

We would like to welcome Gavin Hiltbrich (Parent Governor) to the Governing Body. We would also like to welcome Danielle Collins who will be helping in Stay & Play.

We will shortly be saying goodbye to Kim as she commences her maternity leave. We wish her the very best of luck and look forward to meeting baby Nother soon. Further details of staffing arrangements will follow in due course.

Returning in September

For those children returning to us in September, please let the office know as soon as possible if you wish to change your sessions.

Session times

Please could we remind parents of the session times. The morning session starts at **9.00 am (doors open at 9.00am)** and finishes at **12.00 noon (door opens at 11.55 am)**. The afternoon session starts at **12.15 pm (doors open at 12.15pm)** 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.**

Grundons

Unfortunately the Planning Inspectorate overturned the city councillors' decision to refuse permission for a waste transfer station opposite the School. The Planning Inspector said "I do not consider the development would harm the health, education or welfare generally of the children at the nursery". We will monitor the mitigation risk closely.

Facebook

On the school Facebook page we post lots of relevant information regularly. Please follow it to keep up with the latest information and also like and share it.



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.



Book sales at Tesco Brislington

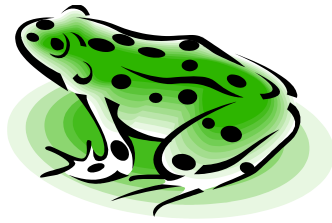
During March, all proceeds from donated books at Tesco Brislington went to St Philip's Marsh Nursery School. It raised £300 for the school fund which pays for new resources and activities for the children. Thank you for donating to and buying books from the book stand.

Some important dates

School Photographer – **Wednesday 25 May AM and Thursday 26 May PM**

30 May – 3 June inclusive – School **CLOSED** (half term)

Return to school - **Monday 6 June**



School Photographs

Wednesday 25 (AM) and Thursday 26 June (PM)

On **Wednesday 25 and Thursday 26 June**, Concept Photography will be taking individual photographs of all children in the school and family photographs with siblings, if requested. If you would like a photograph of your child with their brother or sister, you will need to stay with them. This service will be available from **8.45-9.15 am on Wednesday and 3.15-3.45 pm on Thursday.**

Please be aware if you are staying for family photographs it may be better to park in Meriton Street to avoid congestion in the car park.

For those children that do not normally attend on a Wednesday or Thursday, you are more than welcome to bring them into school for a **'drop in' session between 2.30-3.15 pm on Thursday.** You will need to stay with your child. Please be aware this is not by appointment and so you may have to wait.

