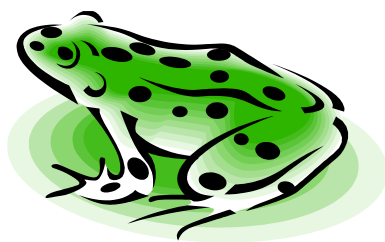


NEWSLETTER NOVEMBER 2022



ST PHILIP'S MARSH NURSERY SCHOOL

Colour and light

We recently celebrated Diwali, the Hindu Festival of Light (details and photographs can be found on the website and Facebook page). This term we are 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 2023. The Council are requesting that this is carried out on line at www.bristol.gov.uk/schooladmissions. Please let us know when you have applied.

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.

Woodwork

We have recently purchased a children's woodwork bench and would like to start woodwork with the children soon. We would be very grateful for **donations of soft wood (particularly pine ends or balsa wood)** which is easy for the children to work with.

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 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.

If your child has a high temperature this means they are unwell. Please keep them at home until their temperature is normal. A normal temperature is 36.4°C but this can vary.

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.

The NHS have a useful website answering parents' questions 'Is my child too ill for school?'

<https://www.nhs.uk/live-well/is-my-child-too-ill-for-school/>

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. Grundons, 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.

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



Christmas

During the last week of term, we will be celebrating the Christian festival of Christmas.

Parties

All classes will host two parties:

Party 1 – Tuesday 13 December – AM

Party 2 – Thursday 15 December – PM

If your child does not normally attend one of these sessions, they will be able to attend one party (please let your child's key person know which one you would like them to attend). More details to follow in the December newsletter.

Sing-alongs

We will be hosting two Christmas sing-alongs this year and the children are busy practising songs. Parents are invited to join the Christmas sing-alongs at **9:00 am on Monday 12 December and 9:00 am on Thursday 15 December.**

This is a very informal affair, not a performance!

Forthcoming events

Menu change – festive roast dinner – **Wednesday 7 December**

Sing along – **Monday 12 December 9.00am**

Party – **Tuesday 13 December AM**

Sing along – **Thursday 15 December 9.00am**

Party – **Thursday 15 December PM**

Friday 16 December - Last day of term – all sessions as normal

School CLOSED for holiday – **Monday 20 December to Friday 31 December** (inclusive)

Monday 2 January – Bank Holiday – **School CLOSED**

Tuesday 3 January – Return to School



Winter Clothing



Now the weather has changed please remember to provide appropriate outdoor clothing for your child as we experience lots of learning when we go outside in all types of weather.

Also please don't forget to label your child's clothes.

Thank you

Rainy Day



Wellington boots



Waterproof Coat & Trousers

Wintery day



Coat



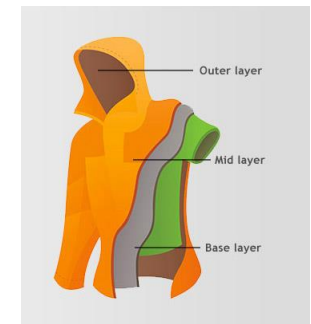
Hat



Gloves



Scarf



Layers of clothes