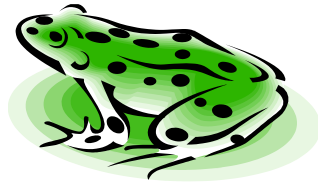
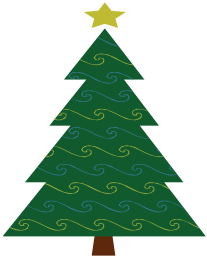


NEWSLETTER DECEMBER 2022



ST PHILIP'S MARSH NURSERY SCHOOL

The staff and governors of St Philip's Marsh Nursery School wish you and your family a very Happy Christmas and a healthy and peaceful New Year

Christmas

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

Christmas Parties

All classes will host two parties and children are invited to attend at least one.

Party 1 – Tuesday 13 December – AM session

Party 2 – Thursday 15 December – PM session

We would be very grateful for food donations and a list of party food that you can bring in will be available in each class. Please note that due to allergies: no nuts, no meat products and all food to be in original packaging.

If you would like your child to come to a Christmas party and they do not usually attend on EITHER a Tuesday or a Thursday, please see your child's key person.



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!

Post Box

There will be a large red post box in the foyer. If your child would like to send a Christmas card to their friends, we suggest that they send one card to their key group. The post box will be emptied regularly and the cards read out and displayed in the key group area. This saves paper and also prevents children from getting upset if they do not receive an individual card.

Curriculum Focus

You are your child's first and most important educator. Below are a couple of fun games to play with your child at home to help support their literacy and numeracy skills.

Numeracy – Number spotting game - When you open a number on the advent calendar, see if you can spot it elsewhere in the environment e.g. road signs, price tags, remote control, computer keyboard.

Phonics – Name that tune game - Sing known songs using only sounds e.g. 'la, la, la' and ask your child to guess the song.

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.

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

Free School Meals

If your child is 3 and you are in receipt of certain benefits, you may well be entitled to free school meals. If you think you may be entitled, please ask at Reception.

Winter raffle

Thank you so much for your support in buying raffle tickets.

We are currently running two raffles – tickets cost £1 each and are available at Reception. The main raffle is for hampers with adult gift sets and food/drink (perfect for a Christmas present) and the children's raffle has various fantastic prizes. Come and get your tickets! All money raised goes towards school funds (which is spent on children's activities). A big thank you to Heidi Taylor for donating/sourcing the prizes.

We will be drawing the raffle during the last week of term. Good luck!



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