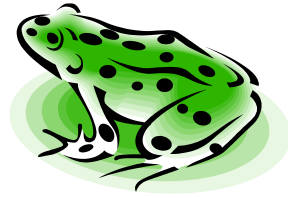


# NEWSLETTER JANUARY 2023



## 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/Lunar New Year "Year of the Rabbit". 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 31 March and Monday 17 April**

### 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

<https://stphilipsmarshnursery.co.uk/useful-info/this-term/>

### 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.

### 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.

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### Council Consultation

The Council recently launched a consultation on the draft Temple Quarter Development Framework. The consultation is aimed at gathering the views of local residents and stakeholders and the area includes St Philip's Marsh. For further information and to give your views as a family who attends a nursery in the area of development, please click on the link below.

[Bristol Temple Quarter Development Framework Consultation | Ask Bristol Consultation and Engagement Hub](#)

### World Book Day

World Book Day is 2 March 2023 and we are celebrating it on **Wednesday 1 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 always 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 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, cycling and lift sharing are all ways in which to reduce congestion.

**We encourage everyone to be tolerant and respectful at all times when using the car park.**

Please ensure you keep a close eye on your child whilst walking in and out of the school and ensure that if you are coming to Nursery on foot you **DO**

**NOT WALK THROUGH THE CAR PARK and instead use the pedestrian entrance.**

Please do not park in the car parks of local businesses (Fox Storage and Grundons).

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

#### **Winter raffle**

Thank you to the parents/carers for supporting our winter raffle. We raised the fantastic amount of £284.75 for school funds (which will be spent on children's activities in the future).

#### **Forthcoming events**

School CLOSED for half term holiday – **Monday 13 to Friday 17 February (inclusive)**

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

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**Monday 17 April – INSET day – School CLOSED**

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**



**Charlotte Carter**  
**Teacher**  
**Deputy Safeguarding Lead**



**Sharon Cutler**  
**School Business Manager**  
**Deputy Safeguarding Lead**



**Tracey Gudonis**  
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# St Philip's Marsh Nursery School and Barton Hill Children's Centre



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Headteacher Simon Holmes

26 January 2023

Dear Parents/Carers

## NEU strike action

At this time we are unable to say what the effect of this day of action (**Wednesday 1 February**) will be on St Philip's Marsh Nursery School/Cashmore Early Years Centre. I understand the frustration and uncertainty this is causing and am doing everything I can to provide you with the information you need. Most of our staff also have children at primary and secondary schools and are facing the same uncertainty in not knowing whether their children's schools will be open and if they can make alternative childcare arrangements if they are closed, so that we can be open with legal and safe staff to children ratios.

I am hoping that by Monday we will be in a better position to update you (via ParentPay).

Thank you for your patience and understanding in this difficult situation.

Yours faithfully

Simon Holmes  
Headteacher  
St Philip's Marsh Nursery School/Cashmore Early Years Centre