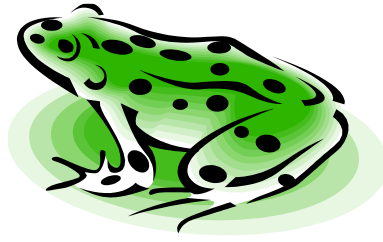


NEWSLETTER MAY 2023



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".



This term we will be learning about life cycles, especially caterpillars turning into butterflies. We have caterpillars at nursery and are watching them grow bigger and bigger each day before they spin their cocoons. We are also reading The Very Hungry Caterpillar and learning the song 'Tiny Caterpillar' (a copy of the lyrics is attached).

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.

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.

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

Staff and Governor changes

We would like to welcome Helen Giles to our Governing Body as a Community Governor and we look forward to working with her over the 4-year term office.

Emma (Oak Class) has now commenced her maternity leave and our congratulations go to her and Dan on the safe arrival of baby Lilly-Rae.

We would like to welcome Somaia who will support children in Oak Class and Michelle who will be working as a School Meals Supervisory Assistant.

Returning in September

For those children returning to us in September, **please return the form as soon as possible** as we will then be writing to families with children on the waiting list to offer them places.

Desperately seeking ...

We would be very grateful for donations of **socks** and **trousers** please.

Wrong Trousers Day

On **Friday 30 June** we will be participating in Wrong Trousers Day. Please wear crazy trousers/shorts, pyjamas or even wear your trousers inside out! We suggest a donation of £1 per child which will go to The Grand Appeal (Bristol Children's Hospital).



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 **12.30 pm** and finishes at **3.30 pm (door opens at 3.25 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 3.00 pm** (afternoon session) and **before 11.30 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.**

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.



Some important dates

Monday 1 May – School CLOSED – May Day Bank Holiday

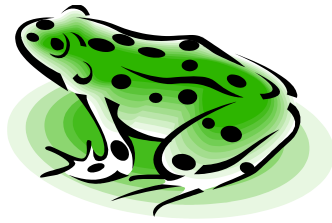
Monday 8 May – School CLOSED – Bank Holiday (King's Coronation)

School Photographer – **Wednesday 24 May AM and Thursday 25 May PM**

29 May – 2 June inclusive – School **CLOSED** (half term)

Return to school - **Monday 5 June**

Wrong Trousers Day – **Friday 30 June**



School Photographs

Wednesday 24 (AM) and Thursday 25 May (PM)

On **Wednesday 24 (AM) and Thursday 25 May (PM)**, 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 3.30-4.00 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.





There's a tiny caterpillar on a leaf

There's a tiny caterpillar on a leaf (wiggle, wiggle)

There's a tiny caterpillar on a leaf (wiggle, wiggle)

There's a tiny caterpillar, a tiny caterpillar,

There's a tiny caterpillar on a leaf (wiggle, wiggle)



He will eat the leaves around him 'til he's full (munch, munch)

He will eat the leaves around him 'til he's full (munch, munch)

He will eat the leaves around him, he will eat the leaves around him

He will eat the leaves around him 'til he's full (munch, munch)



A cocoon is what he's spinning for his home (spin, spin)

A cocoon is what he's spinning for his home (spin, spin)

A cocoon is what he's spinning, a cocoon is what he's spinning,

A cocoon is what he's spinning for his home (spin, spin)



Then he'll be a butterfly and fly away (flap, flap)

Then he'll be a butterfly and fly away (flap, flap)

Then he'll be a butterfly, be a butterfly,

Then he'll be a butterfly and fly away (flap, flap)