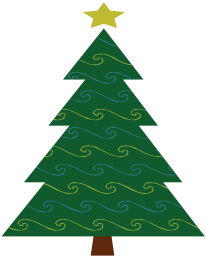


NEWSLETTER DECEMBER 2023



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 two weeks of term, we will be celebrating the Christian festival of Christmas.



Parties

All classes will host two parties:

Party 1 – Tuesday 5 December – AM

Party 2 – Thursday 7 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).

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 sing-alongs:

Tuesday 12 December 2.30pm for children in Elm and Fir Classes

Wednesday 13 December 2.30pm for children in Oak and Beech Classes

This is a very informal affair, not a performance!

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 a food hamper and adult gift sets (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!



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 numeracy and literacy skills.

Numeracy – Number/shape spotting games - See if you can spot shapes and numbers in the environment e.g. road signs, price tags, remote control, computer keyboard.

Phonics – Name that tune game - Sing simple songs that your child will know well (such as Twinkle Twinkle Little Star) using only sounds e.g. 'la, la, la' and ask your child to guess the song. See if your child would like a turn.

Primary School Applications

Please remember that the deadline for **applying for a Reception Class place** for your child is **15 January**

2024. 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.

Staffing and Governor changes

We would like to welcome Katherin Barg to the Governing Body as a Parent Governor.

Feature in Bristol Parent

We are delighted that our woodworking sessions have been featured as a news article by the Bristol Parent and can be found by following the link below.

[St Philip's Marsh Nursery children learn the benefits of woodworking - Bristol Parent](#)

Forthcoming events

Party – **Tuesday 5 December AM**

Party – **Thursday 7 December PM**

Sing-along – **Tuesday 12 December 2.30pm – Elm and Fir Class**

Sing-along – **Wednesday 13 December 2.30pm – Oak and Beech Class**

Menu change – festive roast dinner – **Wednesday 13 December**

Friday 15 December - Last day of term – all sessions as normal

School CLOSED for holiday – **Monday 18 December to Friday 29 December** (inclusive)

Monday 1 January – Bank Holiday – **School CLOSED**

Tuesday 2 January – INSET day – **School CLOSED**

Wednesday 3 January – Return to school

Monday 5 February – INSET day – **School CLOSED**

Thursday 28 March – INSET day – **School CLOSED**

