# **NEWSLETTER JULY 2024**



# ST PHILIP'S MARSH NURSERY SCHOOL

We would like to send the families with children moving on to school best wishes for the future. We will miss you! We look forward to seeing the children returning to us in September. Have a good summer!

# **Belongings**

Please **remember to take all your child's belongings home** on their last day of term, even if they will be returning to school in September. This allows our school to be cleaned and reorganised over the holiday. Items commonly left behind include medication, sun cream, water bottles, lunch boxes, bags, spare clothes, waterproofs and wellies, etc. **Anything left behind will be thrown away** to allow for the deep clean.

# **Summer safety**

When the sun shines it is important to take some precautions to keep your child healthy and safe. Please make sure your child's **shoulders are covered** (e.g. by wearing a T shirt instead of a strappy top), provide a **sun hat** (labelled with your child's name) and apply sun cream **before** your child comes to school. There are sun creams available that give protection all day and this would be preferable. It is very challenging for staff to safely apply sun cream to every child due to the number of children attending the setting and due to the allergy needs of the children. Applying long-lasting sun cream at home ensures your child is safely protected and allows staff to focus on your child's learning and wellbeing. Staff will of course support children to wear sun hats, wear long-sleeved clothing when needed, drink water and provide shady areas to play etc.

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 for nursery and can be dangerous.** Please be mindful of this when choosing your child's summer shoes.



# **School meals**

**School meals must be paid for IN ADVANCE** via ParentPay. The School cannot keep arrears and it is likely to lead to meals being stopped.

Before your child finishes for the summer holidays, **please ensure any outstanding balance is cleared**. If your child is leaving the school and there is a credit on your child's ParentPay account, this will be refunded.

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.

From 1 September 2024 the price of a **school meal will increase to £2.55**. This price will be held for a period of 12 months.

# **Parking**

It is now not possible to park opposite the school in Grundons, even for a short time, and allowances will need to be made for this.

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 and walk. Walking, cycling and lift sharing are all ways in which to reduce congestion. Do not park in the car parks of other local businesses (e.g. Fox Storage).

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

### **End of Year Celebration**

We are having an end of year celebration on **Wednesday 17 July**. We will have a range of exciting activities for the children to take part in throughout the day. See below for more details. **Parents/carers are welcome to join us at 2.00pm for refreshments in the garden (weather permitting).** 

# **Staff and governor changes**

We would like to send our congratulations to Amy, Erika and Ashton on passing their apprenticeships and send them best wishes for their future careers.

At the end of this term we say a fond farewell to Amy, Erika, Ashton, Waris, Barbara, Natalie, Katie and Cher and thank them for their hard work and dedication in ensuring the children's education is at the centre of all we do.

# Headteacher's retirement

As a result of Simon Holmes' retirement, we are pleased to announce that Charlotte Carter will continue as Acting Headteacher and Clare Morton will be Acting Deputy Headteacher.

Simon said "It has been a wonderful last year at the School and I will leave with so many happy memories. I will miss you all and wish the very best for you and your children in the future."

# **INSET Days**

The School will be CLOSED on: Monday 2 and Tuesday 3 September

# **Forthcoming events**

End of term celebration – Wednesday 17 July
Last day of term - Tuesday 23 July
Summer holidays 24 July – 30 August (inclusive)
INSET Days – 2 and 3 September (School CLOSED)
Return to school – Wednesday 4 September

# Term dates can be found here:

https://www.bristol.gov.uk/residents/schools-learning-and-early-years/school-term-and-holiday-dates



# End of year celebration Wednesday 17 July 2024



On Wednesday 17 July we are having an end of year celebration day at St Philip's. 'Mandinka Roots', a Senegalese drumming group will be doing singing, drumming and dancing with the children. The day will end with a short drumming/dance celebration in the garden (weather permitting). All children and their parents/carers are invited at 2:00pm to join in. If the weather is bad we will have the celebration indoors.

We would be very grateful for any donations of tropical fruit or juices for the day.

We need **volunteers** to **help cut up fruit** at **12.30pm on the day**. If you are able to help, please let staff on Reception know.

We hope you enjoy the celebration!





Dear Parents / Carers,

We are trying to re-stock our natural resources / loose parts. These resources can be great for using imagination, thinking creatively (as they are so open ended) and for counting or measuring.

We are looking for corks/ thin sticks/ pine cones/ shells / buttons / small log stumps/ pebbles / conkers / curtain hoops/ cotton reels.

If you have anything you can donate, please bring them in! Alternatively, if you collect anything over the summer, please bring when your child returns in September.

Thank you so much,

Staff at St Philip's







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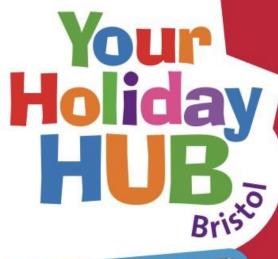
# VICTORY PARK FREE COMMUNITY PICNIC

TUESDAY 20TH AUGUST 2024 11AM-2.00PM

**BUBBLES GAMES CRAFTS** 

**VINTAGE BUS** MAKING





**Hundreds of** holiday activities are available in Bristol

Eligibility criteria apply





Cookery



Day trips

Performing arts

Crafts

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# PARENTING PUZZLE



For parents of children aged 0 - 5 years old

**Workshop 1:** Understanding Children's Behaviour, Listening and Communicating, Praise and Encouragement

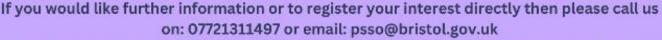
**Workshop 2:** Praise and Guidance vs. Criticism, Child-led Play and Positive Moments

**Workshop 3:** Boundaries and Parenting Styles, Time to Calm Down, Dealing with Stress and Conflict

**Workshop 4:** Choices and Consequences, Behaviour to Ignore, Putting the Puzzle Together, Looking after Ourselves Starting Wednesday 7th - 28th August 7pm - 9pm

> Online Group via Zoom





Once you have registered your interest, a member of the team will be in touch to find the best course location for you (in person or virtual options available).















# FAMILY CENTRE Summer timetable

From Monday 29th July to Thursday 22nd August 2024

Our weekly services include:

Parenting information meetings face to face/ telephone support with Tracey or Laura

 Weekly Baby Hub for general health or breastfeeding support

- Family park activities on Mondays
- Barton Hill families only - family drop-in
- Baby Group 0-1 year old babies.





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# Mondays

Local Park Activities for the whole family 10 to 11.30am

Monday 29th July Urban Park BS5 9LY Monday 5th August Gaunts Ham BS5 0BD Monday 12th August Netham Park BS5 9RY Monday 19th August Urban Park BS5 9LY

Baby Group 1 to 2pm: Babies 0-12 months Settlement Site, Ducie Road, BS5 0AX

**MONDAY 26TH August BANK HOLIDAY** 

Tuesdays 10 to 11:30am
Local parents drop in for Barton Hill parents
and children
All ages welcome!

### Wednesdays

Family information meetings/ telephone support Call Tracey on 0117 9556971 ext 161

Thursdays 1 to 2pm
Baby Hub and infant feeding support
Healthy Start Vitamins

If you would like to find out more about what we have on offer, call us on 0117 9556971 and ask to speak with a Family Worker.

# Your family is invited to

# Families School Holiday Food and Fun



Travelling Light Studios, Wellspring Settlment, Ducie Street, Barton Hill, BS5 OAX

Monday 29th July and 19th August 2 - 4.30pm

Cooking and Play session

Drop off only ?

Interactive cooking and play activities for children in school years 1 - 6.

A fun packed session with games, creativity and cooking. The food prepared in the session can be taken away or eaten together when the parent/carer returns at 4.30pm.



Book your child's space Priority given to children on eligible free school meals.

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Wednesday 31st July, 7th and 14th August 12 - 2pm

Last food served 1pm

Family Café With Creative Activities

Family drop in to build your own lunch and get involved with creative activities.

- · Activities for children in school years 1 - 6 (siblings are welcome).
- Parent/carers stay must stay.
- · Last food served 1pm
- · No booking required for Wednesdays.
- · Dietary requirements can be catered for if give 48hours notice Amy 07801 762655





Date for the diary

Celebration Event

Wednesday 21st August, 12-2pm.

Further details will be sent by invite for those that have attended our summer sessions.

Any questions message Amy lunchstlukes@gmail.com 07801 762655











# Summer in Barton Hill

# Free activities for children and families

Priority spaces for families on free school meals

# Wednesday 31st July, 7th and 14th August

**12-2pm** Drop in to make your own lunch and get involved with creative activities

# **Monday 29th July and 19th August**

2 - 4.30pm Cooking and play session

Booking essential for the Monday sessions - Use the QR code above to book or message Amy.





Travelling Light Studios, Wellspring Settlement, Ducie Rd, BS5 0AX



Amy 07801 762655 @ stlukeslunch

# **Family Centre**

**Mondays 10 - 11.30am -** Local park activities for the whole family. See attached flyer for locations.

**Tuesdays 10 - 11.30am** Barton Hill parents and children drop in.



Ducie Road BS5 0AX 0117 357 4192

30th July and 29th August - Arts, crafts and sports in Urban Park.

**1st August** - Trip to Watercress Farm.

7th August - Trip to Eastville Park Playday

To book message Sasha Pollington - <a href="mailto:sasha@imayla.co.uk">sasha@imayla.co.uk</a>



# Tuesdays 13:00pm - 17:00pm and Thursdays 12:00 pm - 16:00pm

Urban Park, Barton Hill, BS5 9LY

Enriching activities and hot meal during summer holidays. Free to show up, you can also prebook by contacting:
Mohamed 07449 919302 or



bristolsomaliyouthvoice@hotmail.com











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Thank you, The Early Years Team