



Cashmore Early Years Centre Newsletter

September 2021



A very warm welcome to all children returning to Nursery and to the children starting Nursery for the first time. This term our priority is to help all the children to get to know the adults and other children and to be confident to find what they need to be busy and happy.

Prompt pick up

Please remember that the morning session now finishes at 12.00pm and the afternoon session finishes at 3.30pm. We open the gate 10 minutes beforehand, to allow time to talk with you at handover/collection.

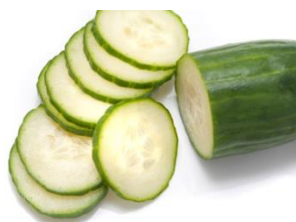
INSET Days

The School has the following INSET days when the School will be CLOSED:

Monday 1 November 2021 and Tuesday 4 January 2022

Snack donation

Thank you to the parents who continue to donate to the children's snack time. The school provides milk but we rely on donations from parents for snack times during the morning and afternoon sessions. The children eat **fresh fruit** (e.g. apples, bananas, oranges, pears) or **vegetables** (e.g. carrots, cucumbers). We would be grateful if you could **donate fruit weekly OR you can make a small money donation** in the tin provided in the garden/Reception at drop-off times.



Drinks

We provide drinking water throughout the session. **Please do not put flavoured drinks in your child's bag/packed lunch** e.g. Fruit Shoot, fruit juice, squash, flavoured sparkling water. If your child wants a

bottle, please put in a bottle of tap water. Dentists say it is bad for teeth to drink sweet/sugary drinks from a bottle.

Staff changes

We would like to welcome Klaudia to the school. She will be supporting children at lunchtime.

Application for primary school

Please remember that the deadline for applying for a Reception Class place for your child is 15 January 2022 (if your child was born between 1 September 2017 and 31 August 2018). The online application system is now open (www.bristol.gov.uk/schooladmissions). If you require any help with this, please ask.

Clothes and wellies

Please could you provide your child with a pair of wellies to wear during wet play. We also ask if you could please provide your child with spare clothes in case of accidents and a coat as the weather is changeable. Please write your child's name in their clothes/wellies.



Nursery clothes

If your child comes home in **nursery clothes, please return** as soon as possible.

Toilet training

If your child is toilet training, please put **wet wipes in their bag**.

Surplus food from M&S

On a Thursday evening, staff pick up surplus food from M&S which would otherwise go to waste. Anything we can't use for snack, we put outside on Friday for parents to take. Please help yourself to save food waste.

Reception library

In Reception **we have books which you can borrow** and return when you have read them with your child. Reading with your child is great for their listening and attention skills, language development, brain development and a lovely bonding time for you and your child.

COVID-19

Please continue to follow the measures to help reduce the spread of the virus:

Do NOT come to Nursery if you, or anyone that you have contact with, has symptoms of COVID-19 (fever, cough, fatigue, loss/change of sense of taste and/or smell, vomiting, diarrhoea). Follow government guidelines.

If your child displays symptoms of COVID-19 they should self-isolate and you should arrange a PCR test for them. They can only return to school if the PCR test is negative. We cannot accept negative lateral flow tests (lateral flow tests are generally used to pick up asymptomatic cases).

New parent governors needed

Our Governing Body is made up of community, parent, staff and Local Authority Governors. Our Governors come from a range of different backgrounds, skills and experiences, but they are all volunteers who work together for the benefit of the School and are the link between the School and the community it serves.

We are currently looking for new parent governors. Being a Governor can be enjoyable, stimulating and rewarding. Please don't be put off by thinking that you have to have specialist expertise or knowledge. Enthusiasm and interest is much more important to start with and there is training and support available to help you. Please remember you will be joining a long-established Governing Body and will be supported by fellow Governors with many years of experience. If you would like more information, please contact Maggie on Reception.

Important Dates

Half term – School **CLOSED** from **Monday 25 to Friday 29 October** (inclusive)

School **CLOSED** for INSET day – **Monday 1 November**

Return to school – Tuesday 2 November

At Cashmore Early Years Centre 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**



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



**Tracey Gudonis – Governor
Named Safeguarding Governor**