



Cashmore Early Years Centre Newsletter

November 2021



We recently celebrated Diwali, the Hindu festival of light. We have made and decorated clay divas, explored lighting and blowing out candles (with great care of course!), chalked Rangoli patterns, had henna painted on our hands, painted firework pictures and had a party where we tasted traditional food.

INSET Day

The School has the following INSET day when the School will be CLOSED: **Tuesday 4 January 2022**

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 need any help with this, please ask.

Absence/illness

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 phone Cashmore (0117 3534295) 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.

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.



Jewellery

For health and safety reasons, children should **not wear hooped/dangly earrings** to nursery. Studs are acceptable.

Toys

Your child should **not bring in toys** from home as they may get lost and will be of interest to other children.

Pick-up

Please remember that the morning session 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.

If you want to pick your child up before the end of the session, please pick up before 11.30am (morning session) and before 3.00 pm (afternoon session) as the last part of the session is story time or group activity.

Clothes and wellies

Children play outside in all weathers. This is very important for their development and learning. Also, **COVID-19 guidance says that outdoor play is safer with less germs**. Still, children must stay warm and dry with **waterproof coat and welly boots**. PLEASE WRITE YOUR CHILD'S NAME IN THE COAT AND BOOTS.

Your child needs waterproof coat and welly boots every day. Weather changes fast in Autumn and Winter. PLEASE WRITE YOUR CHILD'S NAME IN THE COAT AND BOOTS.



Your child's bag

Please put enough **nappies, wipes and spare clothes** in your child's bag. Remember that children may need changing two times.

Nursery clothes

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

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.

COVID-19

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

We respectfully ask **parents/carers to wear face masks/coverings whilst on school premises**.

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 ask Maggie on Reception.

Christmas

During the last week of term, we will be celebrating the Christian festival of Christmas.

We will be hosting two Christmas parties – **Tuesday 14 December (afternoon) and Thursday 16 December (morning)**. 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). More details to follow in the December newsletter.

Important Dates

Party – **Tuesday 14th December PM**

Menu change - roast dinner – **Wednesday 15 December**

Party – **Thursday 16th December AM**

Friday 17 December - Last day of term – all sessions as normal

School CLOSED for holiday – **Monday 20 December to Friday 31 December**
(inclusive)

Monday 3 January – Bank Holiday – **School CLOSED**

Tuesday 4 January – INSET day – **School CLOSED**

Return to School – **Wednesday 5 January**