



Cashmore Early Years Centre Newsletter

December 2021



We have been using fingers and tools to change materials. We worked with paint, flour, paper, glue and natural resources. We developed our finger strength and control, making marks sharing our experiences and learning together.

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).

We kindly ask if parents could contribute party food. We have attached a list of packaged food that meets all of the children's dietary requirements and allergies.

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.

How to prevent catching a cold

A person with a cold can start spreading it from a few days before their symptoms begin until the symptoms have finished. The best ways to avoid catching a cold are:

- washing your hands with warm water and soap;
- not sharing towels or household items (like cups) with someone who has a cold;

- not touching your eyes or nose in case you've come into contact with the virus – it can infect the body this way;
- staying fit and healthy.

The flu vaccine helps prevent the flu but not colds. The cold virus is not caused by playing in water/playing outside. If children do get wet during play we change them into to dry clothes as soon as they have finished playing.

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.



Welcome

We would like to welcome Laura Hudson (Parent Governor) to the Governing Body. We look forward to working with Laura over her four year term of office.

COVID-19

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

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 literacy and numeracy skills.

Numeracy – Number spotting game - When you open a number on the advent calendar, see if you can spot it elsewhere in the environment e.g. road signs, price tags, remote control, computer keyboard.

Phonics – Name that tune game - Sing known songs using only sounds e.g. 'la, la, la' and ask your child to guess the song.

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.

The Governing Body and staff at Cashmore Early Years Centre wish you and your family a very Happy Christmas and a peaceful and healthy New Year.





Christmas Party Food List

We ask parents to kindly provide the Christmas party food. **Please make sure all food is shop bought, in its original packaging and contains no nuts or meat.**

Cooked vegetarian sausage rolls

Vegetarian cocktail sausages

Cheese and onion rolls

Savoury snacks – Cheddars, Pringles, Hula Hoops, ready salted crisps etc.

Vegetarian spring rolls

Cucumber, carrot sticks

Cheese and onion quiche

Cheese

Bread sticks

French stick and butter

Fairy cakes

Biscuits - party rings, chocolate fingers

Fruit

Vegetarian dips – e.g. garlic and herb

Cheese pizzas fresh or frozen (we can cook them)

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**