



Cashmore Early Years Centre Newsletter

January 2022



Did you know?

Sensory play - play that stimulates any of a child's senses - builds thinking, learning and problem-solving skills. Sensory play includes touch, smell, sight, sound and taste, in addition to movement, balance, and spatial awareness. Children need these experiences for brain development and they actively seek sensory experience.

This is why messy play and outdoor play are important for children and why they are motivated by it.

Please help us to support children's developmental needs by sending them in old clothes that can get dirty with paint, mud, clay, playdough, flour, glue and anything else children can get their hands on.

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.

This term we are supporting children moving to new key groups, welcoming new children into nursery and supporting all children to make connections in their lives and lives of their friends.

To help us explore this with your child, please could you provide us with two photos:

- Your child's favourite toy/cuddly toy/comforter at home; and
- Your child with some of the important people in their lives (you!)

We will make displays and booklets for children to look at together. If you need help to print a photo, please email it to charlotte.carter@bristol-schools.uk

We will also be celebrating Chinese New Year (Year of the Tiger) in the first week of February.

INSET Day - the Nursery will be CLOSED on **Friday 18 February 2022** for staff training

Parent meetings will be held in February to discuss how your child is getting on.

NEXT TERM World Book Day is on 3 March 2022. On **Tuesday 1 and Thursday 3 March** your child is invited to dress up in pyjamas, bring a teddy, their favourite book and donate £1. The money raised will fund new books to be sent to Africa. Please remember to pack extra spare clothes – children will still play outside!



Severe Weather

We always try 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 and School websites. We will also send you an email via ParentPay.

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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.



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'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.

Cold weather

Please can we remind parents to provide **hats, gloves, scarves, wellies, waterproofs and warm coats** during this cold, wet weather (**labelled with your child's name**).



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.

Important Dates

INSET Day – School CLOSED - Friday 18 February

21 -25 February (inclusive) - Half term holiday – School CLOSED

Celebration of World Book Day – Tuesday 1 and Thursday 3 March

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**