



Cashmore Early Years Centre Newsletter

March 2022

Recently, we learnt about the celebration of Chinese New Year. We explored how the texture of noodles changed from hard to soft after cooking, looked at Chinese writing and created our own, put letters into envelopes, made observational drawings of flowers (flowers represent new growth after a long winter and are important signifiers of life and good fortune), looked at books and tasted edible flowers, prawn crackers and noodles.



Did you know? Playing and learning outdoors improves confidence, self-esteem, social skills, communication, co-operative working, motivation, physical skills, knowledge and understanding.

Our outdoor area at Cashmore is planned so that all the things children learn inside can also be learned outside – and there are even more learning opportunities outside.

Being outside more often allows your child to develop a stronger immune system and a resistance to allergies. Studies have shown that children who are active outside have the best overall health. You do need to be properly dressed outside, so please make sure that your child has waterproof boots and a real waterproof coat.

This term we will begin to explore things that live or grow in the garden. We will explore how beans and seeds change and start to grow – and we will plant some in the garden. We will also discover the small animals that start to come out with warmer weather, like the snail or the woodlouse. Inside, we will be introducing cooking activities – experiencing simple ingredients first hand – exploring and playing with them, learning their names, beginning to describe them with words, and then using them to make pancakes, gingerbread and bread.

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**).



World Book Day

We recently celebrated World Book Day when the children (and even the grown-ups) wore costumes or their pyjamas to school. We raised £5 which will be sent to fund books in Africa.

Returning in September

For those children returning to us in September, please let the office know if you wish to change your sessions.

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.

Best wishes for a good Easter break.



Important Dates

Monday 11 to Friday 22 April (inclusive) - Easter holidays – School
CLOSED

Monday 2 May – Bank Holiday – School CLOSED

School photographer – **Wednesday 25 May (afternoon) and Thursday 26
May (morning)**

Monday 30 May to Friday 3 June (inclusive) – half term holiday – School
CLOSED