



Cashmore Early Years Centre Newsletter

May 2022

Recently, we learnt about changes in our environment, for example how textures change during cooking and how trees and plants change during Spring. We have been reading The Gingerbread Man and Goldilocks and The Three Bears and thinking about the maths within these stories, for example size, counting and singing.



Did you know?

The national curriculum for the Early Years makes it clear that children must have access to an outside play area. Our gardens are an important place for children to learn through play. Research has shown that **outdoor learning is important for children's development of communication skills, social skills, confidence, motivation, and physical skills.** These are all essential to help children to learn more specific skills like reading, writing and maths. **The children often use maths and mark-making (early writing) in their play in the garden. They also play out the stories that we read – they remember and invent new stories and work together.** Children explore social skills and develop fine finger strength and control when “cooking” together in the mud kitchen. They also explore water play, paint and craft materials. They help to tidy, sweep and clean and look after the plants.

This term we will be celebrating the Islamic festival of Eid al-Fitr in May and we would like to wish our families “Eid Mubarak”.



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, colds and other viruses. **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

Our Practitioners work to support and extend children's learning in the garden, not just keeping the children safe. Learning outside happens in all weathers and can be messy – children will need **welly boots, waterproofs and warm coats**. As a result of heavy rain, the garden can be muddy. We would be grateful if parents could bear this in mind when dressing their children. Please **do not dress your child in their best clothes for nursery**. Children will get some paint on clothes even when they wear an apron. Please ensure you **write your child's name in their clothes and coats** as many children have the same clothes, the same size and from the same shop. If your child comes home in **nursery clothes, please return** them as soon as possible.



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.

Returning in September

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

Welcome

We would like to welcome Gavin Hilzbrich (Parent Governor) to the Governing Body.

New parent governor 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

Eid parties – **Friday 6 May (afternoon) and Monday 9 May (morning)**

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

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

Dear Parents/Carers

Eid Mubarak!

We will be celebrating the Islamic festival of Eid on **Friday 6th May (afternoon session) and Monday 9th May (morning session)** and will be having parties with face painting, crafts, dancing and party games.

We would be very grateful if you could **bring in food to share** at the parties. Please note that this has to be vegetarian, no nuts, shop bought and in its original packaging (so that we can check the ingredients for children with allergies). Examples of food: vegetarian sausage rolls, vegetarian cocktail sausages, cheese and onion rolls, savoury snacks e.g. crisps, vegetarian spring rolls, cucumber, carrot sticks, cheese and onion quiche, cheese, breadsticks, French stick, fairy cakes, biscuits, fruit, cheese pizzas (fresh or frozen).

Many thanks.

Staff at Cashmore





School Photographs

Wednesday 25 (PM) and Thursday 26 June 2022 (AM)

On Wednesday 25 and Thursday 26 June, Concept Photography will be taking individual photographs of all children in the school and family photographs with siblings, if requested. If you would like a photograph of your child with their brother or sister, you will need to stay with them. This service will be available from **3.30-4.00pm on Wednesday and 8.45-9.15 am on Thursday.**

For those children that do not normally attend on a Wednesday or Thursday, you are more than welcome to bring them into school for a **'drop in' session between 11.30-12.00pm on Thursday.** You will need to stay with your child. Please be aware this is not by appointment and so you may have to wait.

