



Cashmore Early Years Centre Newsletter

June 2022

We have caterpillars in the school which we will observe as they change in to butterflies. We are using magnifying glasses to look at the changes so far and read *The Very Hungry Caterpillar* (we also tasted fruit which is featured in this book). We have been using our hand-eye co-ordination to thread and make patterns using resources such as cereal and pasta.



Did you know?

Language and communication skills are the key to future success for children. Children learn the structures and patterns of their home language first - and key useful words. This process begins at home and continues at the nursery school. We support this learning by using language that is simple, clear, relevant and easy to understand and building on this with small steps. At times when it is really important for children to understand and respond safely or appropriately, we must make sure we gain their attention fully and use only key pieces of information. At other more playful times we are able to use language more creatively, still one step at a time, but introducing new ideas or words and playing with the way language can be built or used.

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.



Summer safety

It is summer! Please make sure your child's **shoulders are covered**, bring a **sun hat** (labelled with your child's name) and **apply sun cream** before your child comes to school or send in sun cream (labelled with your child's name) and the staff will help them apply it. Please do not leave sun cream in your child's bag but give it to a staff member. The children spend a lot of time outside: climbing; playing ball games; gardening and running around.



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.

No scooters/bikes/pushchairs in the School

Due to health and safety reasons, bikes and scooters and pushchairs are not to be brought into the school, even for a short time. You are very welcome to leave them in the buggy park outside the school (at your own risk).

School photographs

Please return all photograph proofs as soon as possible (even if you do not want to order any).

Staff changes

Colin and Harriet are both leaving us at the end of this term. Colin has worked at Cashmore and St Philip's for 10 years and Harriet has worked at Cashmore for 7 years. They will be greatly missed by the children, parents/carers and staff alike. We would like to thank them for their dedication to early years education and wish them all the best in their new jobs.

End of year celebration

On Wednesday 20 July we will be having an end of year celebration. Everyone is welcome. More details to follow.

INSET Days

The School will be **CLOSED on:**

Monday 18 July

Thursday 1 and Friday 2 September

Important Dates

Monday 18 July – INSET day **SCHOOL CLOSED**

Wednesday 20 July – End of year celebration

22 July – 31 August (inclusive) – **School CLOSED** for summer holidays

INSET day – **Thursday 1 and Friday 2 September** – (**SCHOOL CLOSED**)

Return to school – **Monday 5 September**