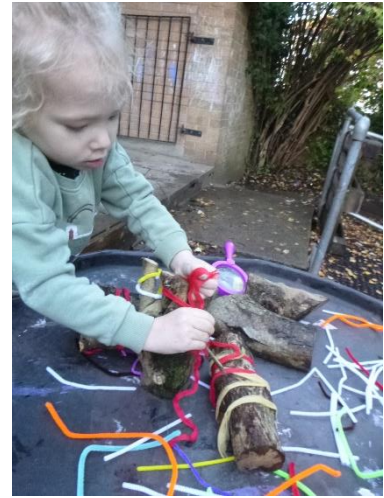




Cashmore Early Years Centre Newsletter

January 2023



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 Lunar/Chinese New Year (Year of the Rabbit) at the end of January.



SENSORY PLAY

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 Winter. PLEASE WRITE YOUR CHILD'S NAME IN THE COAT AND BOOTS.

Did you know if you **mix cornflour with water** it makes a gloopy mixture you can explore easily at home?

Playdough recipe (no cooking involved) – mix together 1 cup of flour, ½ cup of salt, 1 tablespoon of cream of tartar, 1 tablespoon of oil and ¾ cup of warm water.

NEXT TERM World Book Day is on 2 March 2023. On **Tuesday 28 February and Thursday 2 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. www.bristolcity.gov.uk
www.cashmoreearlyyearscentre.co.uk



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.



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.

FAMILY WORKER



one-to-one sessions

Cashmore Nursery
Wednesdays 12.30-1.30pm
Thursdays 9.00-10.00am

Supporting families to:

- Access groups,
- Access training and adult learning
- Apply for nursery/school places
- Apply for healthy start vouchers
- Access money and housing support
- Improve your family's health and wellbeing



Settlement Site, 43 Duels Road, Barton Hill, BS5 6AZ - 01179554771 | Wellspring Site, Beams Street, Barton Hill, BS5 9JF - 0117 304 1400
www.wellspringsettlement.org.uk info@wsb.org.uk
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Important Dates

School CLOSED for half term holiday – Monday 13 to Friday 17 February (inclusive)

Word Book Day celebration – **Tuesday 28 February and Thursday 2 March**

The School will be CLOSED for the following INSET days:

Friday 31 March – INSET day – **School CLOSED**

Monday 17 April – INSET day – **School CLOSED**

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



Charlotte Carter
Teacher
Deputy Safeguarding Lead



Sharon Cutler
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Dear Parents/Carers

NEU strike action

At this time we are unable to say what the effect of this day of action (**Wednesday 1 February**) will be on St Philip's Marsh Nursery School/Cashmore Early Years Centre. I understand the frustration and uncertainty this is causing and am doing everything I can to provide you with the information you need. Most of our staff also have children at primary and secondary schools and are facing the same uncertainty in not knowing whether their children's schools will be open and if they can make alternative childcare arrangements if they are closed, so that we can be open with legal and safe staff to children ratios.

I am hoping that by Monday we will be in a better position to update you (via ParentPay).

Thank you for your patience and understanding in this difficult situation.

Yours faithfully

S. Holmes

Simon Holmes
Headteacher
St Philip's Marsh Nursery School/Cashmore Early Years Centre