

# St Pauls Nursery School and Children's Centre Newsletter

## February 2016

### Head teacher update—Lucy Driver

#### **Outside:**

Thankyou to all of you who have taken the time to look at the display about redesigning our outside play area, we really value your ideas and thinking about this development.

Its great to hear from some of you about your experiences of keeping hens and cooking on fires!

Micheal Follet the consultant we have engaged to work with us on this project is back in nursery on Feb 19th to begin work on an initial design.

#### **Staffing:**

As some of you will know we said goodbye to Elly, our Nursery Teacher last month—she returns to her family in Australia and has already got a job there. Pippa Hawkins and Cate Peel, our deputy have taken on Elly's key groups. We have also said goodbye to Paul, our caretaker, who has moved on to a new job.

In his place we welcome **AL WARDLE** onto our team—who has so much experience and creativity to offer us.

#### **Good news:**

- Pippa has been successful in getting an additional grant to fund our **Forest Experience**. We are going to plan to take more children and families to the Forest each week
- Our nursery school is now fuller than ever! Make sure you put your name on our waiting list for September to be sure of a nursery school place
- Your children have WOWED visiting Practitioners from Taunton and visiting teaching students —who think this is a fantastic nursery, full of calm engaged , independent creative and inspired young learners!

I think the visitors are right! Your children never cease to amaze us with their thinking and learning.

Thankyou for your continued support.



February 2016

**Nursery term dates:  
Last day of term is  
Thursday 24th March .  
New term starts on  
Mon 11th April.**

**Family support is  
available throughout  
the school holidays.**

**Inset Days:**  
Nursery School and  
Children's Centre will  
be **CLOSED** for staff  
training and  
development on **ALL** of  
the following dates:

**Friday 15th April  
2016**

**Wednesday 8th June  
2016**

### **Wrap around care**

Day care is available from 8.00-6.00pm during the school holidays. Places must be booked and paid for in advance. Please contact the office on 0117 9030337.

Due to expansion we currently have a few places available in nursery school wraparound Monday – Friday from 3.00-6.00 pm (term time). If you would like to know further information and prices please ask the office or see Debbie Jones



What have our babies been learning about?  
Recently our babies have been exploring torches & light. They have been hiding in boxes and noticing where the light is shining, shining torches on themselves as they learn to name each other and some body parts and understanding how torches switch on and off.

#### Suggestion Box

Have you noticed the suggestion box in reception. If you have any ideas that you would like to share with us, please fill in the forms, we are always happy to hear your ideas.

#### We have launched our NEW WEBSITE

The new site is designed to be accessible on all screens and is designed to bring the latest news and information to parents and carers. It provides visitors to the site with all the information they need about our setting.

We have also launched our [Facebook page](#). Head on over to our [Facebook page, and like us](#). You will then receive the latest news and updates from our school, right into your news feed.

The site also has some new features, including social and community features, a news and events system, translation capabilities, and many more. We are in the process of uploading new information everyday – so watch this space!

We hope you enjoy the new site. Please let us know what you think in the comments section, and be sure to check back often for news, events and photos from St Pauls.

[www.stpaulschildrenscentre.co.uk](http://www.stpaulschildrenscentre.co.uk)

#### News from Rich - Artist in Residence

Lucy, a parent in our Nursery School has been talking about creativity with us and is interested in the work that I do in the nursery school.

Lucy teaches experimental drawing at the Art College, we have now made an exciting plan to bring our young learners and her students together to explore drawing and mark making in our studio area.

We are really excited to see what the students will produce, and how our children will respond to this experience.







Watch out for the photographs in the next edition of the newsletter.



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Adult Learning Programme  
January – April 2016

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
<p><b>EŞOL Conversation Club</b> Date TBC 09.15 – 10.15 am</p>  <p>A 6 week informal Conversation Club Crèche available – booking essential</p>	<p><b>Paediatric First Aid</b> 16<sup>th</sup> February 2016 09.00 – 12.00</p> <p>A 5 week course looking at all the essentials to prevent accidents and to deal with accidents in an emergency. Learn use and be confident with CPR! Crèche available. Booking essential.</p> 	<p><b>Get Ready for Work</b> Date TBC 09.30 – 12.30</p> <p>A 3 week course to support parents to get ready for work. Crèche available. Booking essential.</p> 		<p><b>Conversations in the Crèche</b> January 15<sup>th</sup> 2016 09.15 – 10.45 am</p> <p>Practice your English speaking and listening skills with a qualified Tutor. Read stories and learn songs in English.</p>
	<p><b>Intro to Volunteering</b> Date TBC</p>  <p>A 7 week course supporting parents to get back into work and learning through the Voluntary work.</p>	<p><b>Basic Food &amp; Hygiene</b> Date TBC</p>  <p>A 5 week course to learn about hygienic food preparation and gain a level 2 Food hygiene Certificate.</p>		<p><b>Intro to Childcare</b> Date TBC 09.30 – 12.30</p> <p>A 7 week course supporting parents who want to work with children. This is an introduction course</p> 

Booking is advisable for ALL courses. A Crèche is available but you will need to book. For further information on any of the courses advertised or for any other queries, please contact: Vandana, Adult Learning Co-ordinator at St Pauls Nursery School & Children's Centre – 0117 9030337

We operate a waiting list on many of our Adult Education courses, please call Vandana and register your interest on 0117 9030337, if we can't offer you a place immediately, we will let you know when we can.

### New Children's Menu

Check out the website for our new seasonal menu for the children here at St Pauls. We will now have a menu that changes with our seasons, we will continue to use local produce and provide halal meat.



Thank you to everyone at 'Go Skippy Insurance' who are based at Cribb's Causeway. They kindly donated hundreds of 'Skippy Kangaroos' that we handed out to all the children at the end of term.



Where has your Skippy been on an adventure?



Vicky, our musician, has spent some time in the children's rooms recently, singing songs and enjoying music, her next session is on Friday 4<sup>th</sup> March.

**Family Music** happens every Wednesday on the POD at 10am—11am. Come along and join in the fun and learn with your children through music.

Bristol City has launched its **LOVE LEARNING CAMPAIGN** Bristol Learning City is celebrating learning and wanting to share some Individual and collective learning stories from people across the city, establishing community Learning Ambassadors.

We want to gather some St Pauls Learning Stories—do you have one you would like to share?

We are here to document your story.

Follow it all at [learning.city@bristol.gov.uk](mailto:learning.city@bristol.gov.uk)



**Five to Thrive TALK**

‘The more you talk to me the more I can make sounds into words..... Everything I learn in my life will be built on what you are teaching me now.’

**Five to Thrive—TALK**

Your child's body grows better when you give the child good food. Your child's brain grows better when you do five simple things that feed the growing brain:

**RESPOND CUDDLE  
RELAX PLAY TALK**

**Talk to your baby:** I love the sound of your voice, don't shout it scares me; sing and talk and read to me instead. Don't worry that I can't talk back yet I am learning how to through listening to you.

**Talk to your toddler:** Talk to me, listen to me, read to me. I need lots of practice to learn to communicate. The more I practice the more my brain gets organised and I can learn to express myself.



**Five to Thrive is delivered in our baby groups at St Pauls and Hampton House.**