

St Pauls Nursery School and Children's Centre Newsletter

May 2016

Head teacher update—Lucy Driver

The sun is here - HURRAY! And so is a reminder please, for you to help us to protect your child from the sun, with cream and hats, as it's already feeling pretty hot outside.

Celebrations

Please join me in congratulating our fabulous kitchen staff Suzie and Andrea who were successfully awarded the top 5 stars for food hygiene in our kitchen this week. This is the top score we can get! The inspector said he rarely awarded this top grade anymore and it was a delight to see how thorough our staff are in their job.

Parent Curriculum Information Sessions

It's been great to see some of you at our parent information session this term. We have already explored 'Developing Positive Behaviour for Learning' and the 'Emotional Wellbeing of Young Children' with groups of parents and it's been so interesting to share experiences and think together.

Our next session is on May 27th at 9.00am is about: BUILDING

LEARNING POWER with your children. Come along and find out how we can work together to develop the best dispositions for lifelong learning with children. It's the stuff that changes lives and can turn your thinking around even as an adult and it's a fun session not to be missed.

Outdoor Developments

We now have some firm plans in place for our outside development, which will include waterways, outhouses, wild sand and boulders areas, tree houses, hills and growing areas.

The designer will be submitting his final plans to us at the end of the month and we will then have to go out to tender.

This planning stage has taken longer than expected, which means that the development of the space will not start until September, with the work going on an area at a time all through next year. It will be a great source of interest for the children – very exciting for us all!

Staff Changes

We are sadly saying good bye to our brilliant Vandana Sharma, who has been leading on adult learning at St Pauls. Vandana has been involved with St Pauls for many, many years, as a parent, Governor, Learning Communities tutor and most recently as our own staff member. Vandana is going on a great adventure to live in the mountains in India. We wish her well and extend huge thanks and gratitude for all she has done at St Pauls.

We are happy to be welcoming Ms Mary Jane Wiltshire to fill Vandana's role at St Pauls, she brings great experience in adult learning and community development work.

Facebook—Have you liked it?! It's the quickest way to get updates about St Pauls on your phone!



May 2016

**Nursery term dates:
Last day of term is
Friday 27th May.
New term starts on
Mon 6th June.**

**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 the
following date:
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.
If you would like to know further information and prices please ask the office or see Debbie Jones.



PLEASE REMEMBER:

ST PAULS CHILDRENS CENTRE AND NURSERY HAS A STRICT NO MOBILE PHONE POLICY.

Suggestion Box

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

Some of our older babies will be moving into the 2-3's room in September. As part of the transition process the children have had more opportunities to explore the big garden and learn alongside the older children.

Our Amazing Babies



Rory is noticing the snail on the fence. Watching carefully as it moves.

Rory, Rolo and Miles have enjoyed learning in their new environment. Mixing and pouring in the mud kitchen.



All the children have enjoyed exploring puddles: splashing and squelching and watching their feet disappearing in them.



ST PAULS ADVENTURE PLAYGROUND
May/ June Half Term 2016

St Pauls Adventure Playground is an open access playground for children aged 8 to 13. Under 8's are welcome to attend but must be supervised at all times by a responsible adult.
We are not registered to supervise under 8's

All children who attend the playground must have a completed registration form.

As well as our set activities, we also provide free play opportunities, outside play, messy play and risky play.

Opening times

Term time	Holiday time
Tuesday: 3:30-6:30	Monday 10:30-5:30
Wednesday 3:30-6:30	Tuesday 10:30-5:30
Thursday 3:30-6:00	Wednesday 10:30-5:30
Friday 3:30-6:30	Thursday 10:30-5:30
Saturday 12:00-4:00	Friday 10:30-5:30

For more information contact the playground on: 0117 9542145
Hjohnston-ferguson@lpw.org.uk



Activities For The Week

Monday 30 th May	Tuesday 31 st May	Wednesday 1 st June	Thursday 2 nd June	Friday 3 rd June
Playground Closed due to bank holiday. Sorry We're CLOSED	Cooking  Making pizzas	Make your own face mask  Pool competition	Messy play  Bike workshop	Board games  Chubby bunny's game
	Rounder's 	Paper Mache 	Face painting 	Water play  Jewellery making

Usual playground activities will run along side planned activities, including pool, sport, arts and crafts and free play



Five to Thrive—PLAY

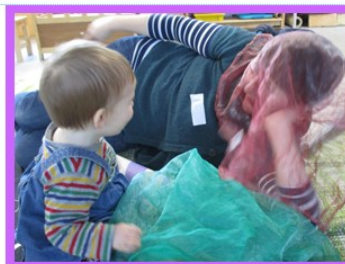
Your child's body grows better when you give the child good food. Your child's brain grows better when you do five simple things that feed the growing brain:

RESPOND CUDDLE RELAX PLAY TALK

Play with your baby: I need you to help me play. Sit down at my level and see the world from my eyes. Explore with me, sing with me, take me outside and enjoy discovering the world with me.

Play with your toddler: I need play to make sense of the world. I like play that involves pretending, singing, using my hands—cutting, drawing; movement—running, climbing, throwing and catching; imagination—dressing up and stories.

Five to Thrive is delivered in our groups at Cotham Parish Church, St Pauls and Hampton House.



Five to Thrive—PLAY

‘I need you to soothe me when I am upset, but I also need you to make life interesting for me. Toys are great, the best toy in the world for me isyou!’



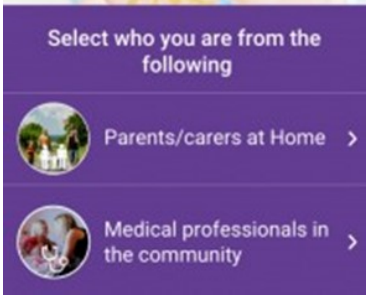


New children's health app launched



A new app has been launched across Bristol, South Gloucestershire and North Somerset to provide advice and support to parents and carers if their children have symptoms of common childhood illnesses.

The HANDi App offers simple and straightforward advice on what to do and who to contact when a child is unwell. It includes illness-specific home assessment guidelines for six common childhood illnesses:



- Diarrhoea and vomiting**
- High temperature**
- Chesty baby (Bronchiolitis)**
- Chesty child (Wheeze and Asthma)**
- Abdominal pain**
- Common newborn problems**

Each of the six illnesses has a home care plan to help parents and carers provide the best support for their child, and give them confidence in caring for their children when they are unwell.

You can download the HANDi App for Android phones from Google Play. If you have an iPhone, from the iPhone app store or iTunes, using the search term HANDi App.

Summer in St Pauls.....Local Events

Date	What	Where
Saturday 2nd June	Tightwire convention: FREE drop in workshops	Circomedia
Every Sunday in June	Family sports sessions – rounders/ basketball	Millpond School
15 th July 3 – 6.30 pm	Play focussed Street party, to include: Table top sales Libraries Allotment repair	Grosvenor Rd
24 th July Afternoon	Family sports sessions – rounders/ basketball	Millpond School
w/c 25 th July	Mural Project	Dalrymple Park
30 th July	St Agnes fun day	St Agnes Park
6 th August	Dalrymple Park Big BBQ	Dalrymple Park
18 th August	Pedal Powered Cinema	Dalrymple Park
10 th Sept	Circomedia Open doors	Circomedia

Babies and Beyond

Babies and beyond is a new group we are running at Cotham Parish Church (BS6 6DR) every Wednesday morning from 10.00-11.30.



It is a group for babies on the move (8-18 months) and it is proving to be very popular.

The families are enjoying exploring our resources and making friendships in their local community. During the session we enjoy singing and stories, we have also been exploring messy activities.

For further information look at the St Pauls website or Facebook page.

