

St Pauls Nursery School and Children's Centre Newsletter



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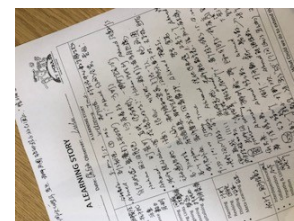
Head teacher Update

The MINI BUS has landed and our lovely Cate has been the first member of our team to train and get the mini bus drivers licence. Lots of staff are signed up to do this—which mean that by the start of spring we will be going off on our adventures most days of the week. We do need to thank our sponsors, Tescos, Help me Help me and John James who have made this possible—and Pippa Hawkins, who's relentless passion for Forest Adventures has urged us on. If any of you have time to spare and would like to train to be one of our mini bus drivers let your key person or Eva know, we need as much help as we can get to make the most of all Bristol has to offer.



Visitors from China

10 teachers from China have been completing an international study tour with us this week. We have taken them to visit other Nursery Schools across Bristol and involved them in training everyday at St Pauls. They have learnt so much—especially about planning from children's interests, effective questioning and providing an environment in which children can take risks and develop resilience. They have been fabulous members of our learning community. We hope to keep in touch with them.



Our Children's Centre

St Pauls has been named as the Lead Children's Centre to develop the family support service for the whole of central Bristol. This involves a lot of change for our fantastic family support team. Can I ask you please, to join me in **THANKING** them for their incredible professionalism, resilience and commitment to our children and families in what is such a personally unsettling time. We so appreciate all they do.

Nursery term dates:

Last day of term is Friday 9th February 2018.
New term starts on Monday 19th February 2018.
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 dates:

Tuesday 27th February 2018
Wednesday 6th June 2018

The entire centre (including the Children's Centre) will also be closed for the following public holidays:

Good Friday 30th March 2018
Easter Monday 2nd April 2018
May Day 7th May 2018

Update—Mealtimes at the Nursery and Childrens Centre

School Meals

Contract caterers Chartwells are being employed from the 12th February, to enable the centre to continue to cook nutritious hot meals from our onsite kitchen with our lovely kitchen staff. The price of the meals will reduce to £1.90 from the 1st March.

To enable Chartwells to be able to prepare menus for children with food allergies/intolerances, forms have been sent to parents that have registered a food allergy or intolerance with the practitioners in each of the rooms. The forms need to be signed by a health professional before they can be actioned and returned to the centre before the 2nd February. If you require a form, please ask at reception.

If for any reason your child will be late and requires a school meal, can you let the office know as meals numbers will need to be submitted by 10am. After this time we are unable to increase the meals numbers.

We can confirm that meals will continue to be halal.

School Dinner Money

Please can you ensure that where possible you provide the correct money when paying for school meals in a named envelope as the office will no longer be able to provide change at busy times of the day including drop off time.

If you require change, please can you make payment and you will be able to collect your change at pick up time.

Envelopes are available at the office. £1 for 50 envelopes

Storing your child's Lunch Box

More and more of our children are having packed lunches and we have been storing these in our Fridge outside Nursery Class 2.

Unfortunately from the 19th February, we will no longer be able to accommodate as due to the large number of lunch boxes

- The number of lunch boxes in the fridge is not allowing the temperature of the fridge to chill to the correct temperature - between 2C-5C
- Storing a large number of lunch boxes together in the fridge increases the risk of contamination of allergens
- Storage of school milk for the children at the correct temperature in a fridge is vital

If your child has food in their Lunch Box that requires refrigeration it is suggested

- Place a freezer block in the freezer overnight and put it in your child's lunch box to bring to Nursery School.
- Use a 'Packit Lunch Box' which can be put in the freezer overnight and can keep food chilled for a few hours



Please do not hesitate to come and chat with us if you have any questions, ideas or comments.

Seeds, Plants and Pots required

To all gardeners, spring is on its way as is our new allotment area in the garden. We are looking for donations of seeds, plants and pots for the children to plant and nurture. We would also be grateful for your time if possible to help maintain the allotment area and any other gardening skills that you would happy to donate. Thank you in advance.



Nursery School Update

Happy New Year to everyone! Firstly, we would like to welcome Lilac Group to Nursery School, who have been gradually settling in Room 2 alongside their keyperson, Faith. It has been wonderful to see lots of new faces making secure transitions from Early Years 2, and from outside of the Centre. We have had a busy and exciting start to 2018, with a real focus on children's Mathematical Development. We have been observing and reflecting upon how children have been exploring mathematical concepts in their play, and responding to their thinking through planning group-times and opportunities in our environment. During group-times we have been finding ways to explore ideas such as 'more' and 'less', 'longer' and 'shorter'. We wonder if you notice any play that explores these concepts at home? A visit from the Bristol Old Vic with their bag of unusual props sparked thinking into things that are really *old*. 'My grandma's really old,' explained Miles, 'because she's got white hair.' We wonder how else we might explore concepts of time and 'oldness'?

Simple provocations in our Studio Space have given children space to explore exploring placing and arranging with loose parts – to amazing effect! Each child has approached with a unique vision – we have seen some intricate patterns and incredible symmetrical designs!

Our visit from the Old Vic, along with our trip to see the show 'Snow Globe,' has inspired much 'performance' role play. Children have been organising each other into audiences and actors, paying for tickets, and deciding upon show times. Each child draws from their unique experiences and they collaborate to create something new.

We maintain our strong links with St Pauls Library – Yellow Group recently attended a Creative Collage session, which saw them persevering and collaborating alongside their families to create a magnificent piece! We will be restarting our Weekly Family Visits to the Library very soon, so please look out for when your child's group is going! **Thankyou as always for all your support.**



Late Fees

We have noticed that some of you are struggling to collect your children on time at the end of sessions.

We know that there can be exceptional circumstances that can make this unavoidable, but it does cause challenges for our staff team as it affects ratios and also many of them are involved in meetings etc beyond the end of the day.

If you would like to adjust your daycare session please speak to Claire –who is always ready to help.

Unfortunately we do have to follow the city council policy on charging for late collection the cost of this is £10 for first late 30mins, after which we would charge the full session cost.



Do you want to be a Learning Champion?

Are you fluent in a language other than English?

Do you want help others learn and develop?

Would you like valuable work experience at your local school?

We are offering training in:

Helping your children to read

English

Working in schools

Making positive action happen

Followed by a supported volunteer placement.

Please contact Mary Jane for more information



St Pauls Children Centre

Adult Learning Programme: Term 3 & 4: Jan – March 2018

Free Creche but must book

	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday
am	Volunteering at School and Nurseries Followed by Volunteer placement 9:30 – 11:30 Starts: 30 th January 8 sessions Session 1 will be enrolment to crèche and course	Help your child learn to read For parents with English as a second language 9:30 – 11:30 10 sessions Starts: 24 th January Free to those on benefits (including working tax credit) Session 1 will be enrolment to crèche and course	Drama Workshop with ACTA Starts: 4 th January 9:30 – 11:30 All year Together we will produce a play Build your confidence Practice your English Have Fun! Free and ALL WELCOME
pm	Eat Well for Less Family learning in the Kitchen Starts: 9 th January 1:15 – 3:15		Sewing 12:45 – 2:45 7 sessions Session 1 will be enrolment into crèche and course only

If you are interested in attending please complete form at the back or pop into see us or phone Mary-Jane on 0117 9030337 or email mary-jane.wilshire@bristol-schools.uk

Office updates

Card payments

Great news that we are now able to take payments by debit or credit card at reception.

Wednesday Nursery pick up times

A gentle reminder that pick up for nursery is now 11.15am on a Wednesday morning.

Staff Car Park

Can we also remind you that the car park is for staff and visitors only, we understand your frustration at the parking situation around our community, but please do not use the car park when dropping off / picking up your children.

Please also be aware that, whilst Little Bishop Street is closed, it is also double yellow lines, please park appropriately and keep our children and families safe.

Need support with feeding your baby?

Perhaps you are struggling with breastfeeding latch or want to learn about responsive bottle feeding?

Maybe you are thinking of weaning your baby?

Our team are trained to help, so please ask if you need advice or information!



Infant Feeding support trained (Breastfeeding, bottle feeding and weaning)—
Rachel



Breastfeeding support trained - Anne, Debbie, Jenny and Yvonne



For reliable online information on feeding your baby go to:

Bristol.gov.uk/breastfeeding

<http://www.cwt.org.uk/wp-content/uploads/2015/02/CHEW-1-4YearsPracticalGuide3rdEdition.pdf>

FREE family fun at Bristol Museum and Art Gallery

Memories of Doris

Monday 12 February – Friday 16 February
10.00-5.00

Say farewell to Doris in the final week of our Pliosaurus! exhibition. Will you dare to come face to face with her one last time? She's a very special creature after all! Share your memories and play with dinosaur worlds, books and games. Come along dressed as your favourite dinosaur or use our dressing up clothes and toys to become a doctor for Doris or to feed yourself to Doris the Pliosaur.

Ages 2-11.

Chinese New Year of the Dog

Saturday 17 February and Sunday 18 February
11.00-4.00

You would be barking mad to miss our Chinese New Year celebrations this February! Welcome in the Year of the Dog with spectacular traditional and contemporary performances, stalls, workshops, activities and a delicious Chinese inspired menu in the cafe.



St Paul's Adventure Playground

St Paul's Adventure Playground has been going through lots of changes and is currently being managed by APE Project CIC as part of a Community Asset Transfer. The playground is now completely unfunded and as such the team are looking at ways that the facility can generate income on its own two feet.

The Children's Bike Exchange is based at the playground and operates on Tuesday to Thursday from 10.00am to 6.00pm and offers extremely affordable bikes to children on an exchange basis. It's also possible to buy bikes from them too. All bikes are serviced and safety checked prior to being sold or exchanged. Prices start at £10.00 and cater for all sizes from tiny tricycles to teenage sized bicycles. They also sell and service adult bikes at a very competitive price too. 100% of the proceeds from the Children's Bike Exchange go towards the running of the adventure playground.



The adventure playground is also available to hire as a venue for birthday parties, training, or other community uses, please contact the playground on 0117 9542145 or info@apeproject.co.uk

The playground is currently open to the public on Thursdays 3.30 to 6.00pm, Fridays 3.30 to 6.30pm and Saturdays 12.00 to 4.00pm



Community Children's
Health Partnership



Talk and explore

Bristol Early
Years Speech
and Language
Therapy Team

Learn new songs and pick up tips for talking and playing with your children

This is a fun and informal session run by speech and language therapists and children's centre staff – ideal if your child is taking longer to talk. It's a great follow-up to our Confident Communicators sessions.

It's a free service for children aged 0-5 living in Bristol.

If you'd like one-to-one time to discuss your child, why not come to one of our speech and language therapy drop ins? Visit chcp.nhs.uk to find out more.



Interested?
Contact the
children's
centre for more
information

Dates and locations: East and Central Bristol

Thursday 1st February, 10 -11am
St. Philips Marsh Nursery School,
BS2 0SU, 0117 977 6171

Thursday 1st February, 10 -11am
The New Place, Fishponds Road, BS5 6PN

Tuesday 13th March, 10 -11am
St. George Community Centre, BS5 8AA

Friday 16th March, 10 -11 am
Little Hayes and Hillfields Early Years, Frenchay
Road, BS16 2QS, 0117 3532899

Friday 16th March, 1.30-2.30pm
Quakers Meeting House, Champion Square, Bristol
BS2 9DB (Rosemary Nursery)

Tuesday 20th March, 10 -11am
Bannerman Road Children's Centre,
BS5 0HR, 0117 377 2080

Thursday 22nd March, 10 -11am
Barton Hill Settlement, BS5 0AX, 0117 955 6971

Thursday 22nd March, 10 -11am
St. Werburgh's Nursery School, BS2 9UX, 0117
903 0323

Friday 13th April, 10 -11am
Speedwell Nursery School, BS5 7SY, 0117 903
0329

This service is provided by Bristol Community Health as part of the Community Children's Health Partnership



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Confident communicators

Bristol Early
Years Speech
and Language
Therapy Team

A short information session for parents, run by speech and language therapists.

Free for parents of children aged 0-5 living in Bristol. Join us to find out more about language development and how to help.

Crèche available in some settings.



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Dates and locations: East and Central Bristol

Tuesday 30th January, 10- 11.30
St. Philips Marsh Nursery School, BS2 0SU, 0117
977 6171

Friday 9th February, 10-12 noon
St. Pauls Nursery School and Children's Centre,
BS2 9JF, 0117 903 0337, Crèche available

Tuesday 20th February, 9.30 -11.30am
Little Hayes and Hillfields Early Years, Frenchay
Road, BS16 2QS, 0117 3532899. Crèche available

Friday 23rd February, 1- 3pm
Bannerman Road Children's Centre, BS5 0HR, 0117
377 2080, Crèche Available

Tuesday 6th March, 10 – 12 noon
St Werburgh's Nursery, BS2 9UX, 0117 903 0323

Friday 9th March, 10-12 noon
Central Quaker Meeting House (Rosemary Nursery),
BS2 9DB, 0117 903 1467, Crèche available

Thursday 15th March, 10 -12 noon
Barton Hill Settlement, BS5 0AX,
0117 955 6971

Wednesday 21st March, 9.30 -11.30am
The Limes Nursery School, BS5 9AT, 0117 903
0317, Crèche available

Friday 23rd March, 1-3pm
Speedwell Nursery School, BS5 7SY, 0117 903
0329

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6 February 2018

'Create, Connect and Share Respect: A better internet starts with you.'

This Safer Internet Day we are encouraging everyone to play their part in building a better internet.

Children and young people, schools, parents and carers, and organisations all across the UK are invited to make a pledge to do something great and positive online this Safer Internet Day using the hashtag **#ItStartsWithUs**.

Here is how to get involved:

1. Use the **jigsaw template** and fill in a pledge to do something positive online. It could be a picture of the kind things you will do online or a pledge to take a positive action to make the internet a better place. The jigsaw shows how your actions fit in with the actions of those around you, to create a better internet.
2. Take a photo of your pledge and share it on Twitter, Facebook, Instagram and any other social media platform with the hashtag **#ItStartsWithUs**
3. Get your friends, family, and colleagues involved too!

