



ST. WERBURGH'S PARK
Nursery School, Bristol

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Every Child as a Unique Individual*



June Newsletter 2018 – Term 6

Dear Parents and Carers,

This term is a busy one with lots of exciting project work with Pete and trips up to Narrowways to explore the woodland. Good weather has enabled learning opportunities planned for outside to be maximised and the children just love the freedom that this brings. Our close relationships with local primary schools means that transition for children leaving us is smooth and well informed.

It is a strange time for me as I retire at the end of this term having been at the school for sixteen years. During that time the school has gone through many changes and challenges but the strength of the local community has remained—one parent only this week said “I just love this community”. The strength lies in the many children and families who come from such diverse backgrounds but who learn from each other as the school year unfolds. I will miss that and know I have been shaped by that over the years I have led the school. We have new challenges as we look forward with a real squeeze on our budget nationally and locally and I would ask that you share loudly with local councillors and MPs the benefits a Local Authority Maintained Nursery School education has given to your child.

Liz Jenkins, Headteacher

Staff news

Libbie, Teacher in Yellow Room, is leaving us at the end of this term to begin her Maternity Leave. We wish her well at this exciting time.



Jay, part-time Teacher in Blue Room, is also leaving us at the end of this term after ten happy years of working here.



Elizabeth from Purple Room has also left us this term. She has secured a job with BAND as a Child Development Officer.



We welcome Rowena in September who will be Libbie's Maternity Cover in Yellow Room. Rowena is an experienced Early Years Teacher and has come from teaching a reception class in Birmingham.

We are fortunate to have been able to secure Poppy, an Early Years Practitioner, to work in Purple Room until the end of the summer term.

Upcoming changes to Addition Hours/Day Care costs

Unfortunately, due to a continuing increase in costs, the price of Additional Hours/Day Care will increase from £8 to £9.50 per hour, with effect from the 1st September 2018. The breakdown of session costs will be updated on the website shortly. Please be assured we will continue to provide the very highest quality of effective early years

Good luck to all of our children who are leaving to go to Primary School in September; we'll miss you all!

Governors

Now that summer has arrived, Governors are really pleased to see how much fun our children are having outdoors. Many thanks to our wonderful Gardener and Caretaker Pauline for keeping this space so attractive. Sadly some of our outdoor equipment is reaching the end of its life and please do let us know if you have fundraising ideas to help in replacing the climbing frame.

Governors are working this term with our current Headteacher, Liz Jenkins, and with Mandy Collier- King who will be acting Headteacher from September to make sure that the change in leadership is smooth and that the school will continue to offer our children a really outstanding nursery education. Those children who are transitioning to 'big school' next term are really impressing the visiting teachers with their confidence and joy in learning. Thank you to all parents too for working so closely with us to support their children's learning and we wish them all the best for the future.

Rebecca Nelson, Chair of Governors



Dates for your diary

Tuesday 19th June = Eid Party.

Friday 6th July = Inset day, whole school closed due to staff training.

Wednesday 18th July = Caribbean Party.

Friday 20th July = Last day of term 6, end of academic year.

Note from the 'First Bus' team

At Christmas time our children were asked to decorate the local first bus, number 5, with drawings for Christmas.

They have sent us a thank you card with the following:

"The buses looked glorious and the passengers loved the glitter fest Christmas spectacle no matter which faith they followed. It was a lovely three weeks both for myself and my colleagues and a real honour to drive around with such loveliness on board"



Daycare deposits

Cash deposits for day care children will be available for reimbursement week commencing 9th July providing your account has a nil balance. Please note deposits will be applied to accounts to clear or offset outstanding balances.

Invoices

Payments are due in advance, please allow at least 5 working days to ensure payments are made by the 1st of the month in advance of the sessions being taken.

Parking

When dropping off and picking up your children, please remember to park safely and legally, this includes not parking on Treefield Place. The Police regularly issue parking tickets in this area.

For the safety of children and families in our community, any cars found to be parking illegally will have their registration plate number reported to the police.

Blue Room

In Blue room we looked at our clothes and noticed they were all different colours. The children had many ideas about where the colours came from: "They are painted" "The colours are stuck on with glue" "They come from a factory". We talked about dyeing cloth and learnt that some colours come

We went into the garden and cut some young Willow branches and peeled the bark off, cut the bark into small pieces and covered with water. We also cut some Birch branches and took off all the leaves, put them in a different pot and covered with water. We soaked them overnight and then boiled them for two hours the next day.

We noticed that some of the Willow sticks we had peeled had turned pink overnight.

In the meantime the children drew around shapes on white cotton cloth, wrote their name inside the shape and cut it out with scissors. The following day the dyes were ready for use and we got to test our colour predictions.

This mini-project introduced the subject of dyeing, giving the children the opportunity to explain their own knowledge and understanding, and ask appropriate questions of others (PSED1), They looked closely at similarities, differences and change (UW2) and were able to extend their learning and reflect (PSED2) The drawing, writing and cutting (of the bark, leaves, and cloth) increased their control over one-handed tools (PD1) and encouraged;



Speech and Language session

'Chat to the team about your child's speech, language and communication'

- Thursday 5th July: C3 9.30 – 11

During the summer break:

- Monday 23rd July: Speedwell Nursery School 10-12pm
- Thursday 26th July: St. Pauls Nursery and Children's Centre 10 -12pm