



ST. WERBURGH'S PARK
Nursery School, Bristol

*Being a Voice for Children, Giving Children their Voice/ Building Foundations for Learning Together/
Every Child as a Unique Individual*

February Newsletter 2019 – Term 3

I can't believe we are already half way through the year! It has been a busy term with new children joining us, Project Week and of course the snow. The children have been telling me lots of stories about the snowmen they built with you at home. I love snow and especially love hearing the children's excitement! Project Week was exciting too. Please see our Face Book page for photos and information about why we decided to focus on "Handa's Surprise". The children had fun learning about this "journey" story. We will be using more great stories to focus some of our work with the children. We want the children to have a rich experience of books and story telling here at Nursery. You can help with this too by sharing your favourite stories from your childhood. Tell your children the stories you were told, share books, looking at the pictures and even let your children choose their favourites for you to read to them. World Book Day is in March and we hope to make a week of it this year. We're hoping you will join us and come into Nursery to share stories from around the world with the children. We'll look forward to hearing your stories too!

Mandy Collier-King, Acting Headteacher

Dates for your diary

Friday 15th February = End of Term 3.
Monday 25th February = Start of Term 4.
Thursday 7th March = World Book Day
Wednesday 13th March = Cake Sale



Governors

Welcome to all children and families who have started nursery in January 2019 and welcome to the new year to those children and families who are returning to the school. We are proud of our school and, we know our children love coming here to learn. But we are always trying to improve, so please do tell your child's teacher if you have ideas to contribute.

We are able to maintain a high standard of education in our school due to the expertise and experience of highly- qualified staff. Nursery schools differ from other childcare providers in the qualifications required of staff, particularly in requiring a trained teacher in charge of each class. In common with other nursery schools, we are anxiously awaiting an update from the Government about future funding for our sector. Money is very tight and many of you will know that we are currently trying to raise money to replace our climbing frame through Tesco's Bags of Help scheme. Please do support this if you can.

If you would like to know more about the governors or of how you might support the work of the school, please do ask at the school office and we will get in touch!

Rebecca Nelson, Chair of Governors

Speech and Language session

Speech and Language therapists from 'Bristol Community Health' are providing a drop in session to give parents/carers the opportunity to talk to them about your child's speech and language. It is being held on **Thursday 7th March in C3**.



Cake Sale

Our next Cake Sale is on **Wednesday 13th March**.

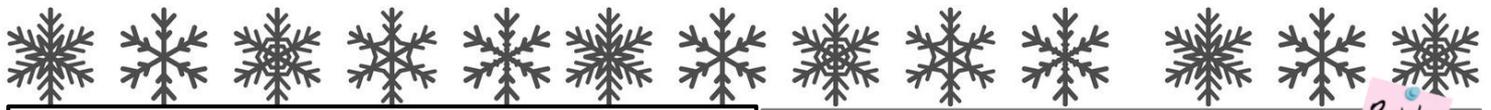
We will be fundraising towards new books as this year we will be focusing on storytelling and reading at home with parents/carers.

Please bring any cake donations along with an allergen form, you can collect an allergen form from reception. Thank you!

Regular attendance

We would like to encourage you to work hard to ensure your child attends regularly at Nursery. Research has shown that the impact of a good Early Years education will last your child through their whole life. We know it can be tricky during these winter months when colds and viruses are about, but please persevere, we love to have you here!





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.

School Trip

Reminder!

You should have received a letter regarding the whole school trip. We are going to Weston Super-Mare on Friday 3rd May. Due to all staff attending the trip, the school will be closed on this date.

If you have not already handed your reply slip to the office, please do as soon as possible. The remaining coach seats are now first come first serve, alternatively, you can make your own way there.

Illnesses

So that we can reduce infections and illnesses for everyone at school, if your child is unwell please can you keep them at home until they are completely recovered. Please contact us in the morning on the first day of any absence with the reason for absence.

Fundraising

Last term we held a 'Christmas Jumper Day' for Save The Children. Thank you to everyone who donated, we raised £55.



Fruit and Snack Money

Fruit and Snack Money for Term 3 is £6 at £1 per week. If you'd like to know how much you've paid or owe please see the main office.

Parenting community

We are looking for any fire fighters, postal works, doctors, police officers, vets etc. within our parenting community that would be happy to come in and talk to our children about your job role and expertise.



Please speak to your child's class teacher if you are able to help.

World Book Day

This year World Book Day is being held on Thursday 7th March. Children can come into Nursery in their favourite book character.

Also, throughout this week we are asking for parents/carers to come into your child's class to read your favourite children's book.

Please speak to your child's class teacher if you are interested in doing this.

Petition

Thank you to everyone who signed the petition for the funding of Nursery Schools. The petition was to say that we are extremely concerned about the future of maintained nursery schools in England after March 2020 as no guarantee has been given by the Government that adequate funding will continue when supplementary funding ends.

We have sent our petition directly to Thangham Debbonaire MP, and we have had a response to say she is presenting our petition at the House of Commons on Tuesday 5th February. We are going to be sent a link to the video at the end of the week in which we can publish so you can view the discussion.

Chinese New Year

We have been celebrating Chinese New Year this week in Nursery. Classes have been learning about the Chinese culture including cooking, role playing with Chinese costumes and performing a dragon dance.



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