



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*

October Newsletter 2019 – Term 1

It's been such a busy term! Thank you so much for all your support with settling your children into Nursery. The children are doing really well, developing in confidence to explore their new environments and become more independent. We really believe settling well is the bedrock for learning here. Before your child is ready to engage in new activities, it is essential that they feel safe and feel secure in their new relationships.

This term we have raised £117 for MacMillan through the sale of cakes and a staff raffle. We have received a new woodwork bench, donated by Community Playthings. We have been awarded £5000 from the Quartet Foundation to begin work on improving our garden. We have started work on developing our Reflection Garden; please donate to our Crowd Funding Site in memory of Mel Beckford. Finally, thank you to everyone who dressed up as a Super Hero and donated to the Norries Foundation Charity. Oh, and we've introduced a new approach to our learning Diaries. We will be seeking your feedback on this next term.

We're all looking forward to next term: we couldn't do it without all your generous support! Mandv

Reception Admissions Open Morning

If your child was born between 1st September 2015 and 31st August 2016, you need to apply for a school reception class place by 15th January 2020.

Following success from previous years we are holding our 'Reception Admissions Open Morning' again on **Monday 11th November 2019**. Local Primary Schools will be at our Nursery in C1 between 11am and 1pm to help you apply for a Primary School place and discuss any questions you may have. Please ask reception for more information

Please note if your child is born between those dates you need to apply for Primary School place by **15th January 2020**. Please apply online at: <https://www.bristol.gov.uk/schools-learning-early-years/primary-admissions>

Dates for your diary

Friday 18th October: Superhero fundraising day
Monday 21st October: Children's individual photos
Friday 25th October: End of term 1
Monday 4th November: Term 2 begins
Monday 11th November: Reception Admissions Open Morning



MacMillan Cake Sale

Thank you to Kari from Yellow Room for baking lots of cakes to raise money for MacMillan.

Thank you to all of your kind donations, we raised £117.



Fundraising

We would like to raise money to create a Garden of Reflection for the children and families of St Werburgh's Park Nursery School. The Garden will be in honour of Melanie Beckford, a loved and missed former colleague and friend of the Nursery School. Mel passed away suddenly earlier this year; we hope the garden will be a place to remember her and other loved ones missed.

To donate towards our Garden of Reflection please follow this link:

<https://www.justgiving.com/crowdfunding/garden-of-reflection>

Collection times

Please note that as part of our Safeguarding Procedures we will not be letting parents through into the school from reception until 5 minutes before and the session starts and ends. If you arrive before this time you will be asked to wait in the reception area. If you have a specific reason to pick your child up early either every day or as a one off please discuss this with your child's class teacher in good time and before the day. The class teacher will give reception staff the name of any parent/carer who has arranged with the teacher to pick up early.





Fundraising for Norrie Disease

Thank you for all the children for helping us raise money today. Pictures to follow!

The money will be going to the Norrie Disease Foundation.

Norrie Disease is a rare genetic disorder that primarily affects the eye and almost always leads to blindness.

Children that suffer from this terrible condition often also lose their hearing in their teenage years. It is a charity close to our heart here at St Werburgh's Park Nursery School.



Fruit and Snacks

Just a reminder that with effect from September 2019 due to funding cuts we are no longer able to subsidise the provision of fruit and snacks for children here during the day and so will no longer be collecting a contribution from you towards fruit and snacks.

In view of this, and so that children can continue to have fruit or snacks, we are asking parents/carers if you can please bring fruit or snacks (such as breadsticks or crackers) into school that will then be put into a shared bowl in each class to be cut and distributed to children. We will, of course, continue to take into account children with medical or allergy needs at fruit and milk time.

Children's photos

Our school photographer is here on **Monday 21st November** to take individual child portraits. Children who are not in school on a Monday are very welcome to come into school on this day between 10.00am and 11.00am to have their photograph taken.

Absence

If your child is not attending Nursery due to sickness or another reason please remember to ring the school office on 01179030323 to let us know. Thank you.

Nursery Schools petition

Thank you for all your support in signing petitions regarding Nursery Schools funding. Due to the pressure we have put on the government we have secured funding until the end of August 2020 but not beyond.

We are asking for your help again in signing two new petitions to keep up this pressure and enable Local Authority Nursery Schools to continue running our valuable services.

Please encourage your friends and family to do the same. If every parent of a child in nursery lends their voice, together we will make this issue impossible to ignore.

You can take action today:

1. Sign the 'School Cuts Campaign' petition bit.ly/savenurseryschools
2. Sign the petition for our specific Nursery School <https://petition.parliament.uk/petitions/267447>
3. Share with every parent, guardian, and teacher you know
4. Write to your MP and ask for their support

Governors

Welcome to the new school year at St Werburgh's Park Nursery School from everyone on the Governing Board. All of the governors know the school very well and many of us are parents or grandparents of former and current children, so we know what a special place it is. Our role is to provide support to Mandy and her staff team and challenge them to maintain and improve further the quality of education that our children receive.

Our main challenge in the coming year is in maintaining high standards in line with a very tight budget. We have a wonderful team of dedicated, professional staff, but, as governors, we are concerned at the very heavy workloads we ask them to maintain. We are lucky in having some volunteers helping out, for example in our garden, and please do let us know if you would like to assist in any way.

We also welcome new faces and ideas on our governing board and shall shortly be recruiting a parent governor. If you would like to find out more about the role, please let the school office know so that we can be in touch.

Rebecca Nelson, Chair of Governors

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