

# PAVILION NEWSLETTER

## OCTOBER 2023



### HALF TERM CLOSURE

A reminder that nursery will close from Monday 23<sup>rd</sup> to Friday 27<sup>th</sup> October for half term we will re-open at the usual time on Monday 30<sup>th</sup> October.

### SCHOOL APPLICATIONS

If your child is due to start school in September 2024 you must apply online. The deadline for applications is 15<sup>th</sup> of January 2023. Visit [www.lancashire.gov.uk/schools](http://www.lancashire.gov.uk/schools) or call 01772 532 109

### DEFIBRILLATOR

Mr. Clare the head teacher at Aughton St. Michaels Primary school has very kindly given us a defibrillator. This is now situated within nursery and all staff are First Aid trained in its use. We are very grateful to Mr. Clare for donating such a valuable asset to the nursery.

### CAR PARK

Please **DO NOT** park on the school car park. The car park is for staff use only. Ensure that you park with courtesy in the surrounding area and do not block any driveways.

### SICKNESS

Please remember that children should remain at home for 48hrs after sickness or diarrhoea to prevent further infection. We have had 1 confirmed case of hand, foot and mouth.

### PARENT MEETINGS

Parent meetings will be held after half term, keyperson lists will go up in the foyer nearer the time for you to choose a convenient time for your appointment.

### REMINDERS OF SESSION TIMES

#### Monday - Friday

We are now open from 8.00am until 4.30pm we still have lots of space in our wrap-around care sessions. Please speak to a member of staff for more information.

AM wrap around 8.00am-8.45am

AM session 8.45am-11.45am

Lunch 12.00pm-12.30pm

PM session 12.30pm-3.30pm

School Day 8.45am-3.30pm

Full Day 8.00am-4.30pm

### THEMES THIS TERM

The children have enjoyed all our recent themes of Noah's Ark, Colour, Autumn, Spanish and this week's theme of communication and language.

### GATE LOCKING TIMES

For safety reasons the green gate by reception will be locked at all times apart from the beginning and end of the day. For parents arriving when the gate is locked, please use the intercom situated outside reception class. Please inform all family, relatives and friends who will be collecting your child.

### NURSERY FEES

Nursery fees were due on 2<sup>nd</sup> September. If you wish to pay in instalments please divide you bill into 3 equal amounts and make payments on 2<sup>nd</sup> of September, 2<sup>nd</sup> October & 2<sup>nd</sup> November. For help with childcare costs please visit <https://www.childcarechoices.gov.uk/>

## **LABEL ALL BELONGINGS**

As the cold and wet weather approaches please could you ensure that your child has appropriate clothing. We provide waterproof trousers, could you please ensure your child has wellies and slippers if you wish; we like to play out whatever the weather. Please could you provide your child with a hat, scarf and mittens/gloves as the weather is getting colder? Also Velcro fastening shoes.

**Please remember to label all clothes, shoes, wellies, drinks bottles and lunch boxes as we have lots of duplicates**

## **SPARE CLOTHES**

We do have a supply of spare clothes but please ensure your child has a set of their own clothes especially if they are in the process of toilet training. If your child is in nappies please ensure that your child has enough supplies for their session.

## **LUNCH CLUB**

All grapes, tomatoes, sausages, blueberries etc. need to be chopped in half, length ways to prevent choking. We have recently found that tangerines/satsumas also pose a risk, if you are providing any fruit it should be chopped into really small pieces.

Please check that yoghurt and drinks caps are also not too small as they may cause a choking hazard.

Could we please ask that lunch boxes are cleaned inside and outside as they are put in the fridge and on the tables where the children eat their food. Most lunch boxes are ok to go through the washing machine.

Please see attached information from the Food Standards Agency, this provides vital information regarding choking.

## **CLOSING THE WORD GAP**

At Pavilion we are committed and strive for the best start for all of the children who are in our care. The Early Years Teacher team provide lots of resources and useful information to support our aim to close the word gap. As part of their new campaign to encourage children's speech and vocabulary they have launched "Walk and Talk". "Walk & Talk" is a new Lancashire campaign to promote the importance of communication and language for our youngest children. Please share any of your ideas or activities with us via Tapestry.

We use a system called Welcomm to enable your child's key-person to provide tailored activities and resources to develop your child's speech. If you have any concerns regarding your child's development in any way please speak to your child's key-person. For more information please visit <https://www.lancashire.gov.uk/children-education-families/early-years-childcare-and-family-support/walk-and-talk/>

There is also lots of information available for parents at your local family hub.

<https://www.lancashire.gov.uk/children-education-families/early-years-childcare-and-family-support/family-support/children-and-family-wellbeing-service/>

## **ALLERGIES**

We will soon have some children who attend nursery that have food allergies that require the use of an epipen. We request that you do not send any nut products or products containing nuts. We will also request that egg in its raw form is not to be sent in. If a product is from a multi-pack and doesn't list the ingredients we may send it home as we are unaware of its contents. We thank you in advance for your co-operation.