



*"We will work in partnership with you to continue to build the unique foundations for your child's learning"*

## PARENTS' NEWSLETTER October 2018

We would like to take this opportunity to Welcome our new families to Abbey Wood Nursery School and say a big welcome back to those families returning from last year.

**Half Term School Fund Donation** - Every term we ask parents if they can make a termly donation of just £5.00 to help the school towards snacks that the children have throughout their school day. This money is greatly needed by the school and goes a long way to help us fund snacks especially when schools are facing more funding cuts. If your child has a place on the 30 hour entitlement your donation is included in your Sundry charge. Please use the envelope provided and hand into the office.

Thank you for your support.

### GATE TIMES FOR COLLECTION/DROP OFF OF CHILDREN

Please note that the side gate to the main nursery which you use to drop off/collect children is on a timer. The times for 3 & 4 year olds are:

**AM: 9.00 and 11.30 PM: 12.45 and 3.15**

*The times for 2yr olds are AM 9-12 and PM 12.15-3.15*

Please note if the gate is locked you must enter or leave the nursery via the main reception door which is by the office. **If you are late** you must go to the office and let them know that your child is here with a reason for lateness which has to be entered onto the register on our computer system.

### GATE ONTO THE ROAD

Please ensure you slide the bolt across the gate and **only** let your child through.

**FOR THE SAFETY OF ALL OUR CHILDREN PLEASE ENSURE YOU CLOSE ALL GATES BEHIND YOU.**

### Sweet treats at the end of the day

We have a number of children who have allergies to many foods. Please save sweets until you are outside school, or bring a healthy alternative! 😊



### MOBILE PHONES

**DO NOT** USE YOUR MOBILE PHONE WHEN ON THE SCHOOL PREMISES.

THIS IS TO SAFEGUARD YOUR CHILDREN.

### IMPORTANT INFORMATION

- **Sickness** - When your child is off from school can you please ring the office, and let the office know the reason for child's absence, otherwise it will be recorded as an absence with no reason given.
- **Contact forms** - please remember to let the office know when you have changed your telephone numbers. It is very important that we are able to contact you in an emergency. **Only people who are listed on the contact form can collect your child from school, they must be over 16 years old.** You can add names of people at any time through the main school office. If you send someone to collect your child who is not on the contact form, then we will not allow your child to go home with them.
- **School sweatshirts and book bags** - please remember to put your child's name in them as lots of children have the same sweatshirts and it would be impossible to find your child's if it is not named.
- **Coats** - please remember to put your child's name in.
- **Book Borrowing** - you are able to borrow books to take home on any day. However we ask that you only take one book at a time and that you take it home in a book bag. This can be arranged in your child's class.
- **Birthdays** - Please only send in fruit for your child to share with their class to celebrate their special day. We have many children with allergies so we cannot accept party bags/sweets/cakes. Please don't ask the class teacher/staff as refusal often offends.

### Dates for your Diary

- **15<sup>th</sup> - 19<sup>th</sup> October** - Heritage Week (please see flyer for more information)
  - **22<sup>nd</sup> - 26<sup>th</sup> October** - Half Term
  - **15<sup>th</sup> November** Children in need fund raising
  - **16<sup>th</sup> November** Academic review day
  - **24<sup>th</sup> December** -Christmas holidays
  - **8<sup>th</sup> January 2019** - Children return to school.
- Please note change to summer finishing for the holidays. We will now have INSET on the 22<sup>nd</sup> & 23<sup>rd</sup> July. Children will finish on Friday 19<sup>th</sup> July.**

### **Parent Governors**

We have vacancies for Parent Governors. Information, leaflets and nomination forms are available from Gill. If you would like to talk to one of our present Governors then we are happy to arrange a meeting. The closing date for nominations is Monday 22<sup>nd</sup> October 2018.

### **Volunteers**

We would like to build up our volunteering numbers. If you have an hour or two to spare each week then we would love it if you shared it with us, (after your child is settled into the nursery). Ideas for things to do are cooking; reading to the children, (in English or home languages); playing games; however we also have need of volunteers to do jobs around the school; gardening; mending books; and many other things. If you are interested please come and see Gill so we can talk about what you could do.

**We now have Sweatshirts and Book bags in stock.**

**Book bags £5.00**

**Sweatshirts £9.00**

**You can purchase these items from the school office.**

*Best Wishes, Gill and Staff*