

HAPPY NEW YEAR!

We would like to wish all our parents a very Happy New Year and extend a big welcome to all new parents and children joining us this term. We really hope that your time with us will be happy and rewarding.

CRAFTS, CELEBRATIONS AND THEMES FOR THIS HALF TERM

18th Jan: Winnie-the-Pooh Day
25th Jan: Burns Night
26th Jan: Australia Day
w/c 1st Feb: National Storytelling Week
w/c 8th Feb: Chinese New Year
14th Feb: Valentine's Day
16th Feb: Shrove Tuesday (Pancakes)

RETURN IN JANUARY 2021

Following the latest government guidance, unlike primary schools, we are opening on **Wednesday 6th January**.

Any further changes will be communicated via the WhatsApp group so please keep checking.

However, if you have decided not to send your child in, please let Caroline know as soon as possible

TERM DATES

Spring Term 2021

Term Dates

Wed 6th January – Wed 31st March

Half Term

Monday 15th – Friday 19th February

Summer Term 2021

Term Dates

Monday 19th April – Friday 23rd July
(closes 12.15pm)

Half Term

Monday 31st May – Friday 4th June

USEFUL CONTACT DETAILS

The direct line to the school is 01689 870104

Pre-school mobile number is 07858 967389

Caroline's home number is 01689 606487

Caroline's mobile number is 07989 838010

E-mail: info@pavilionpre-school.co.uk

Website: www.pavilionpre-school.co.uk

DROP-OFF INFO

It would really help us if you could undo the buttons and zips on the children's coats when arriving at school as we would like to get the queue moving as quickly as possible.

COVID 19

If your child is showing **ANY SYMPTOMS**, OR a family member is isolating, please let Caroline know or call the landline as soon as possible.

Please remember masks must be worn by any parent or carer entering the pre-school for any reason and you will also be asked to sanitise your hands.

Following the latest guidance, we are asking all parents and carers to wear face masks outside and would encourage you all to do so to keep children, staff, parents and carers safe.

You will receive a WhatsApp message if new guidance is issued resulting in a change to our procedures.

PRIMARY SCHOOL INTAKE 2021

Please note that for children born between 1st September 2016 and 31st August 2017, the application deadline for the 2021 Reception intake is **Friday 15th January 2021**.

The online system is available via the home page of www.bromley.gov.uk. The Admissions Team public number (020 8313 4044), which is open from 12 - 3pm on weekdays only, provides parents with advice about home-to-school distances, how the system works and making realistic preferences.

For further information, please speak to a staff member.

WORKING TOGETHER

Observation sheets are available for parents. These enable you to share any achievements with us or give details of any milestones your child has reached over the Christmas holidays. Please ask a member of staff if you would like a sheet.

Suggestion Boxes: if you have any comments or suggestions for improving our setting or the curriculum, please feel free to put any ideas into the Suggestion Boxes. These are located just outside the main door to each Room.

ADDITIONAL MEDICATION

If any creams, inhalers, or medication are in children's bags, please let a member of staff know so they can be stored safely. **PLEASE DO NOT BRING IN SANITISING "ANTIBAC" GEL.**

If we need to administer any of the above, we will also require you to complete a "Medication Form" giving details of dosage and timings – these can be obtained from any member of staff.

CLEANING AND HAND WASHING

We would like to assure you that we are doing everything we possibly can to minimise the spread of Covid 19 in our pre-school. The children have got used to washing their hands many times during the sessions. All our equipment is washed after every session and the premises and furniture are cleaned before we start each day.

ABSENCE / SICKNESS

We are required by Ofsted to monitor children's attendance therefore, please let us know if your child is going to be away from pre-school for any reason.

If your child has been sick or has had diarrhoea, please keep them off for a **MINIMUM of 48 hours** after their symptoms have stopped.

IMPORTANT SAFETY NOTICE

In the interest of child safety, we will not let any child go home with anyone other than the nominated person unless we have been given prior notice. A photograph is always a good idea or a password if it is someone not known to us. Please remember we have not always met dads or grandparents and therefore they may be unfamiliar to us. Please ensure we have up to date mobile numbers so that we can contact you in an emergency.

REMINDERS

- Please ensure that all items of your child's clothing is labelled – this includes hats, scarves and gloves.
- Please remember to label lunch boxes and drinks bottles with your child's name.
- Please ensure that your child's lunch box is healthy, that there are no products containing nuts or sesame, and that there is no chocolate included.

OUTINGS AND DATES

Normally our newsletters are full of planned trips and dates for your diaries. We really hope we will be able to do this shortly. Even a walk to the woods would be lovely, and as soon as it becomes possible, we will resume our usual programme of events.