

# Sandbrook Nursery School

## Newsletter

September 2021

Colour of the month: **Orange**

Welcome to Sandbrook Nursery School. We hope that you and your child enjoy the year with us.

Each month, you will receive this news sheet to help keep everyone informed and up to date with everything happening in the school. This will be supported with additional notes and text/Seesaw messages as the year progresses. Should you have any queries, please ask a member of staff, they will be happy to help.

- The months of September and October are a settling in period for your child. Children become familiar with and recognise the following:-
  - Peers and members of staff
  - Acceptable behaviour
  - Their personal symbol
  - Routines e.g. snack time, free play, story time, quiet time, home time

The above promotes and encourages confidence, self-esteem, independence, courtesy and concern for others in the Nursery environment.

School Fund Payment- £3.50 is due weekly on a MONDAY morning. This covers snack, trips, educational visitors and lots of other things. This is NOT calculated daily but is a weekly fee. It must be paid promptly. Due to COVID 19 correct money must be put in envelopes (envelopes will be provided) as we will not be giving any change. A basket will be at the classroom door for envelopes.

When dinners start: School dinners are £2.50 per day to be paid on MONDAY. This must be paid weekly and promptly as Education Authority seeks payment immediately for these meals. Due to COVID 19 correct money must be put in envelopes (envelopes will be provided) as we will not be giving any change. If you think you are eligible for free school meals please ensure you have applied via EA website.

### Dates and Events

You will receive a calendar of events, holidays and school closures. Please remember these dates and times are subject to change.



### Parking Matters

Our carpark is for staff parking only (Education Authority Guideline), please ensure you park outside the school grounds. Please ensure when parking outside that you are considerate to local residents and that areas are clear and safe for children coming to and leaving nursery.

### Naming of Sweat Shirts

Please ensure that your child's sweat-shirt is clearly marked with his/her name. With 52 children in school, it will be almost impossible to track down a lost sweat-shirt which is not labelled. The nursery provides coats for all 52 children to use at outdoor play (children do not have access to their pegs or boxes throughout the day).

Please ensure that your child wears a clean uniform every day to help stop the spread of infection.

Allergies - Sandbrook Nursery is a nut-free zone. We have a number of children this year with different allergies. If your child eats nut products at home (e.g. Nutella, cereals, peanut butter, etc.) please ensure that they wash their hands thoroughly before coming to Nursery. The safety of our children is of the utmost importance. NO FOOD to be brought to school at any time.

### Favourite Book

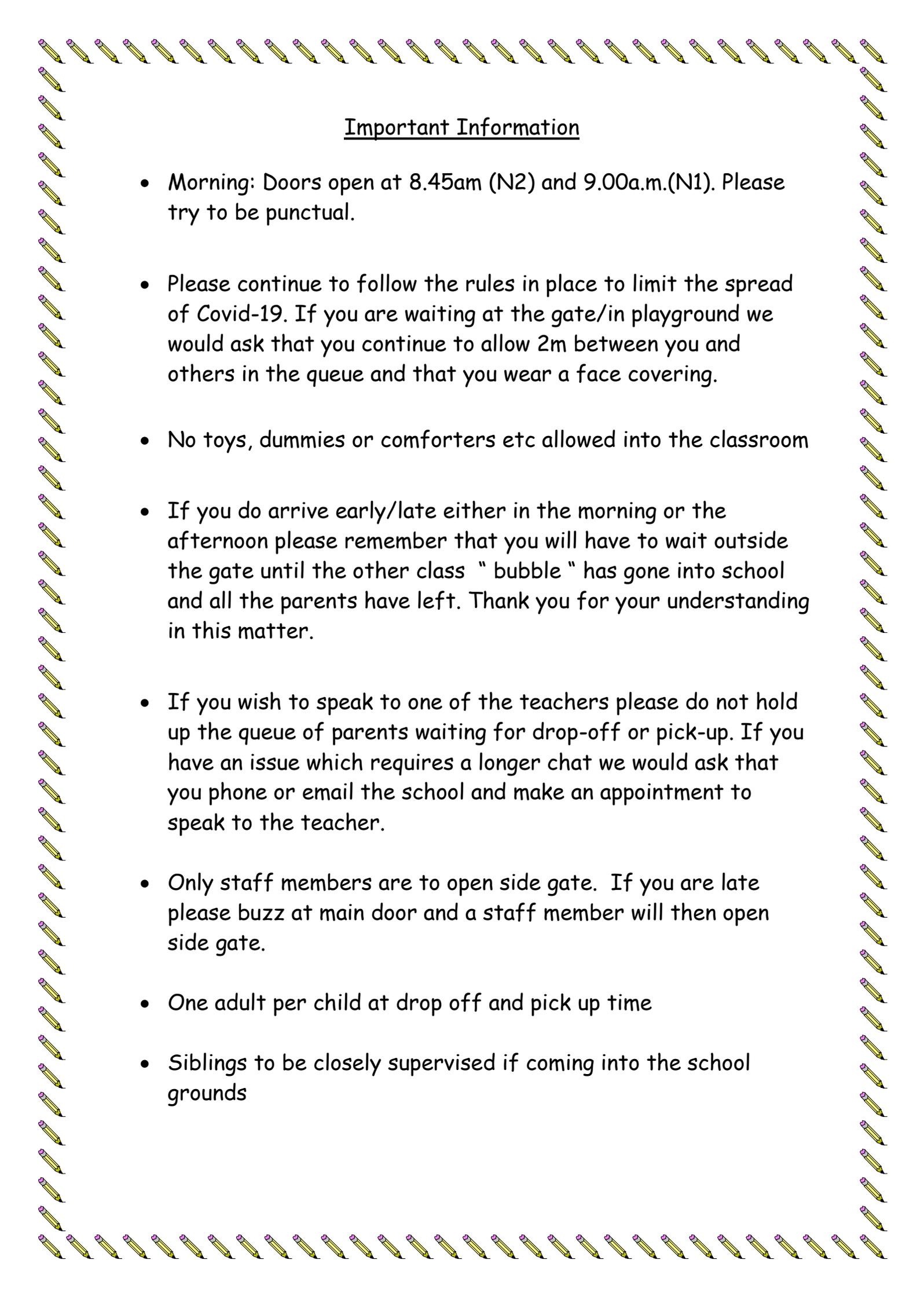
This year in nursery we are hoping to foster a real love and interest in books. Every Wednesday 1 child from each class will bring in their favourite book from home and share it with their friends; this will be read at story time. The list with the date your child will bring in their book will be posted on Seesaw. Your class teacher will remind you when it is your child's Favourite Book Day.

### Jewellery

We do not recommend jewellery in school. This can often be a health and safety issue as symbols can get caught on earrings etc also children can become very upset if they lose an item of jewellery.

### Shoes

Please try to send your child to school with shoes without laces as laces can be very dangerous at outdoor play.



## Important Information

- Morning: Doors open at 8.45am (N2) and 9.00a.m.(N1). Please try to be punctual.
- Please continue to follow the rules in place to limit the spread of Covid-19. If you are waiting at the gate/in playground we would ask that you continue to allow 2m between you and others in the queue and that you wear a face covering.
- No toys, dummies or comforters etc allowed into the classroom
- If you do arrive early/late either in the morning or the afternoon please remember that you will have to wait outside the gate until the other class "bubble" has gone into school and all the parents have left. Thank you for your understanding in this matter.
- If you wish to speak to one of the teachers please do not hold up the queue of parents waiting for drop-off or pick-up. If you have an issue which requires a longer chat we would ask that you phone or email the school and make an appointment to speak to the teacher.
- Only staff members are to open side gate. If you are late please buzz at main door and a staff member will then open side gate.
- One adult per child at drop off and pick up time
- Siblings to be closely supervised if coming into the school grounds