



# News Letter

September 2016

Welcome back to all children and parents! We hope you all had a fantastic summer! We would also like to extend a warm welcome to all of our new children and parents who have joined us over the last few weeks, we are certainly becoming very busy again which is excellent!

At Lavendon Pavilion Pre-school, we recognise children's agency and believe in a child centred approach to playing and learning, therefore during the first few weeks of the term, we have been working closely with the children and gathering their views on what makes pre-school a happy place for them to come to. The children have helped us to put together the 'Golden Rules', which encourage them to learn values and how we can all work together to keep pre-school a safe and happy place for them to play and learn. We have introduced a reward jar which the children have decorated, the children will be rewarded with a marble each time they demonstrate a value such as 'Team work', when they fill the jar to a certain level, they will be rewarded with a treat of their choosing, such as a trip to the park or having a picnic style lunch outside! Teaching children values from an early age helps them to develop self-awareness and self-esteem, as well as providing a foundation for the social skills they need when they go on to a school environment.

## OUR TOPICS THIS TERM

Over the next few weeks, our main focus will be the theme of Autumn, which will be incorporated into the planning for this half term, along with the following topics:

**ALL ABOUT ME-** the first couple of weeks will focus on this topic, where we will be helping the children to develop their ideas of self and family. We will also be looking at what makes us healthy, focusing on looking at different foods, encouraging the children to make healthy choices in relation to food and drink. Also, what types of exercise they like and what they would like to try, incorporating this into our daily planning.

**SAFETY-** following onto the topic of safety, we intend to look at different types of safety such as road safety and how to stay safe in different day to day situations.

**HALLOWEEN-** our final week of half-term will be a fun celebration of Halloween. We will be planning lots of spooky arts and crafts and some slimy sensory play for the children to get stuck into!

## **OUTDOOR SHOES**

Please could we ask that children bring in a spare pair of shoes to change into from outdoor shoes as the weather is changing, we would like to keep the floors of the pre-school clean for the children to play on.

## **SCHOOL VISITS**

Lavendon pre-school has close links with Lavendon School. Lisa Watson, our pre-school chair and Lavendon School Headteacher, has very kindly agreed to allow us to make visits to the school to enable children to become familiar with the environment, in preparation for them starting school next September. These will take place fortnightly on a Thursday morning during this term and we will rotate the day next term so that all children starting school next September will have the opportunity to visit the school.

## **LUNCHES**

Just a polite reminder that children should be sent to pre-school with a healthy nut-free lunch. We also discourage sweets as they contain high quantities of sugar, if your child comes to pre-school with sweets in their lunchbox, we will remove them and return them to parents at the end of the day.

## **FEES**

Just a reminder that all fee's must be paid by the date stated on the invoice, if payment is more than 7 days late, a fee of £5 per day will be added on until the fees are paid. If you are having difficulties paying the fees, please don't hesitate to contact Lucie Howard, our finance administrator, who will be happy to discuss options with you.

## **OUR COMMITTEE**

Lavendon Pre School is run by a dedicated committee, if you would be interested in joining us, please email our secretary on [lavendonpreschool@gmail.com](mailto:lavendonpreschool@gmail.com)

## **FUNDRAISING**

Fundraising is important to allow us to buy things for Pre School. We have a small fundraising committee, if you would be interested in joining this please speak to one of the committee. Ideas for events or ways of raising money would also be welcomed. Details of our next fundraiser to follow.

**Thank you all for your continued support!**

**Sam, Abigail, Aimee and Karen**

