

# Arlesdene

## Nursery School and Pre-school

Newsletter 1

September 2021

Welcome

Welcome to all our families old and new. Nursery and Pre-school have been busy welcoming our returning children and settling our new children. It has been so refreshing working in normal ways with you all and staff are certainly enjoying very little restrictions in place.

Staff are settling children in different ways however we will continue to work closely with you to ensure that your child has the best experience that they can at Arlesdene.

I look forward to meeting you all over the next coming weeks.

Best Wishes

Claire Cobain



### MaD Awards

#### *Making a Difference*

All the staff here at Arlesdene work extremely hard to make it an outstanding school. I would like to reward staff when they have gone above and beyond in their role. All staff can be nominated for an award when they have made a difference. You as parents can nominate staff at any time when they have made a positive difference to you or your child. Slips are available in either the Nursery or Pre-school office or you can email a nomination to:

[mad@arlesdene.herts.sch.uk](mailto:mad@arlesdene.herts.sch.uk)

# Pre-school

## School dog—Mabel

As you all know Arlesdene now has a school dog. Mabel comes into school everyday and spends the day in my office. She is still very much a lively, licky puppy and goes to puppy classes at weekends to learn how to grow up to be a good dog. Whilst she is training the children are able to come and see her behind the safety gate in my office. If your child would like to come and see her please mention to your child's key person or myself at the gate in the mornings

## reminders

Please provide a labelled bag of full spare clothes to leave on your child's peg whilst they are at Pre-school and provide nappies and baby wipes (if needed)

Please label all jumpers and water bottles. The door for Pre-school opens from 10 minutes before the end of each session.



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## What to expect when

Please use the following link to access the document, What to expect in the Early Years. This is a great guide for parents of 0—5 year olds to understand about children’s learning and development. It is divided into seven areas of learning and spilt into three age bands; 0-3 , 3-4, 4-5. There are suggestions about what your child may be doing and how you can help them. It also has tips for fun, playful experiences that you can both do together at home.

## Governors

Sadly two of our Governors have stepped down from their roles. Jude Vinton and Kelly Siracusa, I would like to take this opportunity to thank them for their dedication to their role and wish them all the best for the future.

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We currently are recruiting new Governors so watch this space...

# Pre-school

## Washing hands

Just a reminder to encourage your children to wash their hand using the sanitising gel provided as they come into Nursery every morning. This was a requirement during the COVID outbreak and we found that other childhood illnesses were minimised. As part of our good practice we encourage all children to wash their



## Communicating with us

All parents have their child's key persons email address, please do email them in the first instance if you have any questions about your child.

Please look out for our messages to you via Parent Mail.

You can report your child absent using Parent Mail, if you need help or are unsure how to use Parent Mail please speak to Lorraine in the office who will be able to help you.



# Pre-school

## Sharing news with us

We love to hear about what your child has been doing at home, and what new interests they have. You can email these straight to your child's key person, along with some photos of your family.

These are really useful to encourage children's communication and to support their learning at school by creating activities around their interests.



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## Mobiles

Please remember our no phone policy. We ask that no phones are used within the building or garden. It is important that your child has your full attention when you are dropping off and collecting. Also some of our children, for various reasons, must not have their picture shared. By following our policy you are helping to keep our children safe. Please don't be offended if a member of staff asks you to come off your phone.



# Pre-school

## Settling in

We hope that you and your child have settled well into Pre-school, we understand that it can be an emotional experience for your family. If you need any support, advice or suggestions, please speak to Craig, or Karen our Room Leader



## Important dates

Friday 22nd October— Pumpkin day (more details to follow)

Monday 25th—Friday 29th

October—Half term, Pre-school is closed

Friday 5th November—School photographs

Monday 8th November—INSET day school closed



Please be considerate when parking at drop off and collection times. It is not safe to park on the double yellow lines. Parents need to cross the road safely with their children and they cannot do so when cars are parked across our neighbour's drives. Thank you for your co-operation in this matter.

## A note from the Governors.

The Arlesdene governors would like to welcome back all the returning families and say welcome to the new families.

We as Governors are proud of the high reputation of Arlesdene Nursery & Pre School and are confident both yourselves and your children will have a positive experience throughout your time with us.

*Rosie Bloomfield*