



Streetsbrook Infant & Early Years Academy



Nursery Newsletter

September 2017

Autumn 1

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NURSERY NEWSLETTER - SEPTEMBER 2017

Dear Parents

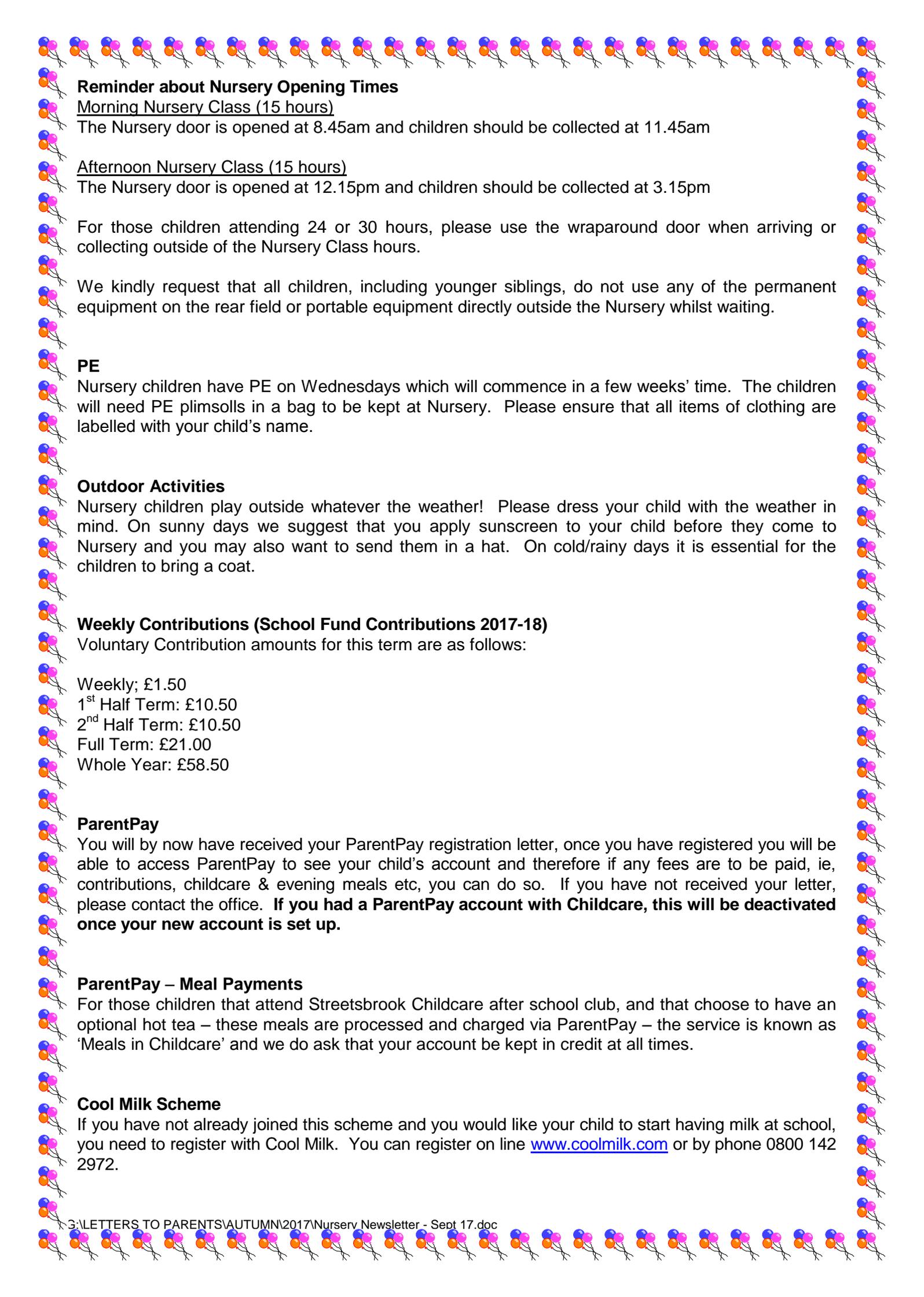
A very warm welcome to the first term of your child's Nursery year at Streetsbrook. The staff enjoyed meeting the children during the visits they made with you and are delighted that they are quickly settling into the daily routines. We hope their time with us in Nursery will be both enjoyable and rewarding.

During the course of their year in Nursery the children will have six main learning themes. These are as follows:

Autumn Term, 1 st Half-term	It's All About Me: Me, My Family & Friends, Autumn, Diwali
Autumn Term, 2 nd Half-term	It's All About Me: Bonfire Night, Christmas, My Body, My Senses, My Feelings
Spring Term, 1 st Half-term	Heroes
Spring Term, 2 nd Half-term	Roll up! Roll Up!
Summer Term, 1 st Half-term	All things bright and beautiful
Summer Term, 2 nd Half-term	Zoom Zoom Zoom!

Autumn Term Topic - 'It's All About Me'

An overview of learning in order to develop appropriate skills, knowledge and concepts can be found at the end of this newsletter.



Reminder about Nursery Opening Times

Morning Nursery Class (15 hours)

The Nursery door is opened at 8.45am and children should be collected at 11.45am

Afternoon Nursery Class (15 hours)

The Nursery door is opened at 12.15pm and children should be collected at 3.15pm

For those children attending 24 or 30 hours, please use the wraparound door when arriving or collecting outside of the Nursery Class hours.

We kindly request that all children, including younger siblings, do not use any of the permanent equipment on the rear field or portable equipment directly outside the Nursery whilst waiting.

PE

Nursery children have PE on Wednesdays which will commence in a few weeks' time. The children will need PE plimsolls in a bag to be kept at Nursery. Please ensure that all items of clothing are labelled with your child's name.

Outdoor Activities

Nursery children play outside whatever the weather! Please dress your child with the weather in mind. On sunny days we suggest that you apply sunscreen to your child before they come to Nursery and you may also want to send them in a hat. On cold/rainy days it is essential for the children to bring a coat.

Weekly Contributions (School Fund Contributions 2017-18)

Voluntary Contribution amounts for this term are as follows:

Weekly; £1.50

1st Half Term: £10.50

2nd Half Term: £10.50

Full Term: £21.00

Whole Year: £58.50

ParentPay

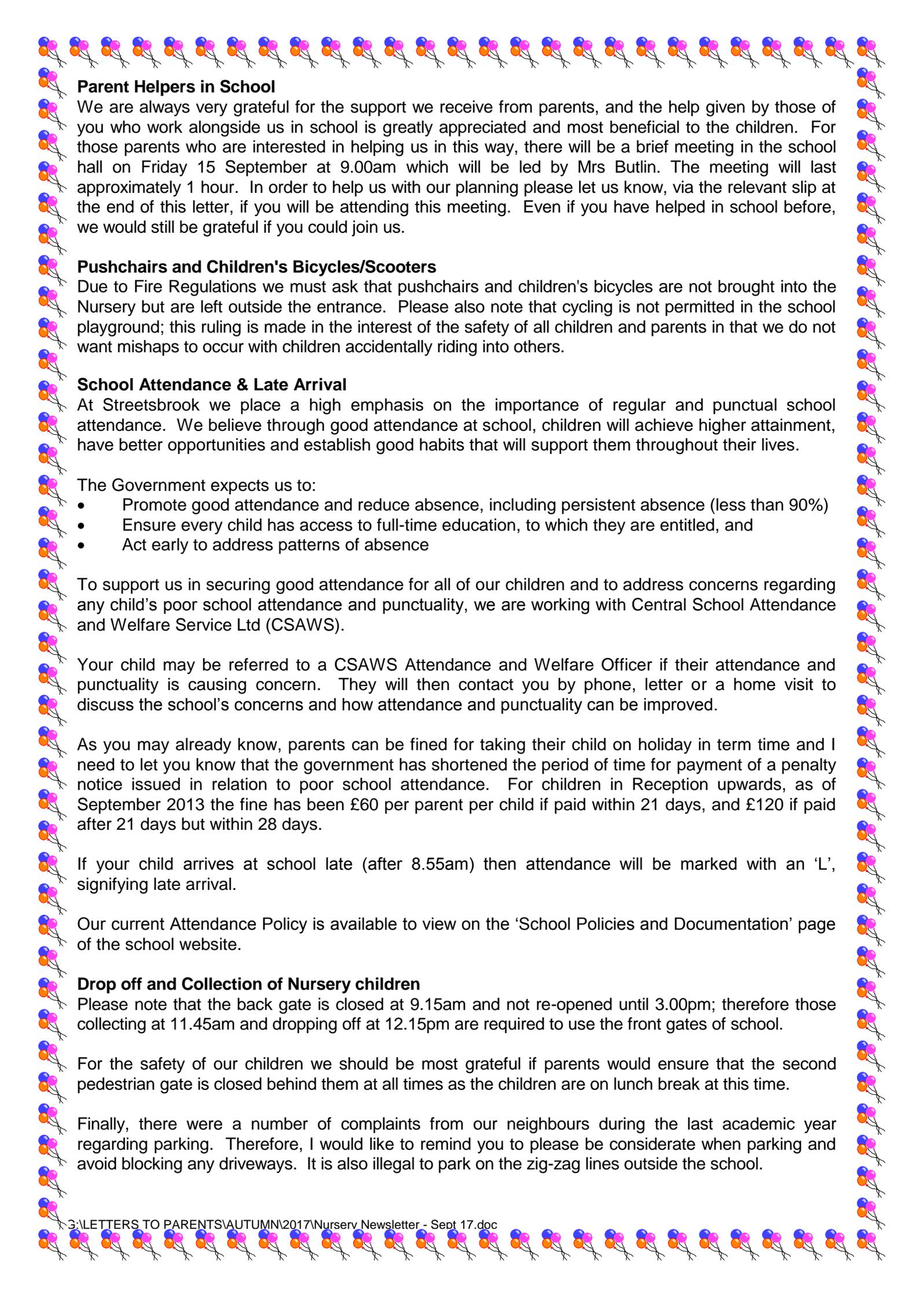
You will by now have received your ParentPay registration letter, once you have registered you will be able to access ParentPay to see your child's account and therefore if any fees are to be paid, ie, contributions, childcare & evening meals etc, you can do so. If you have not received your letter, please contact the office. **If you had a ParentPay account with Childcare, this will be deactivated once your new account is set up.**

ParentPay – Meal Payments

For those children that attend Streetsbrook Childcare after school club, and that choose to have an optional hot tea – these meals are processed and charged via ParentPay – the service is known as 'Meals in Childcare' and we do ask that your account be kept in credit at all times.

Cool Milk Scheme

If you have not already joined this scheme and you would like your child to start having milk at school, you need to register with Cool Milk. You can register on line www.coolmilk.com or by phone 0800 142 2972.



Parent Helpers in School

We are always very grateful for the support we receive from parents, and the help given by those of you who work alongside us in school is greatly appreciated and most beneficial to the children. For those parents who are interested in helping us in this way, there will be a brief meeting in the school hall on Friday 15 September at 9.00am which will be led by Mrs Butlin. The meeting will last approximately 1 hour. In order to help us with our planning please let us know, via the relevant slip at the end of this letter, if you will be attending this meeting. Even if you have helped in school before, we would still be grateful if you could join us.

Pushchairs and Children's Bicycles/Scooters

Due to Fire Regulations we must ask that pushchairs and children's bicycles are not brought into the Nursery but are left outside the entrance. Please also note that cycling is not permitted in the school playground; this ruling is made in the interest of the safety of all children and parents in that we do not want mishaps to occur with children accidentally riding into others.

School Attendance & Late Arrival

At Streetsbrook we place a high emphasis on the importance of regular and punctual school attendance. We believe through good attendance at school, children will achieve higher attainment, have better opportunities and establish good habits that will support them throughout their lives.

The Government expects us to:

- Promote good attendance and reduce absence, including persistent absence (less than 90%)
- Ensure every child has access to full-time education, to which they are entitled, and
- Act early to address patterns of absence

To support us in securing good attendance for all of our children and to address concerns regarding any child's poor school attendance and punctuality, we are working with Central School Attendance and Welfare Service Ltd (CSAWS).

Your child may be referred to a CSAWS Attendance and Welfare Officer if their attendance and punctuality is causing concern. They will then contact you by phone, letter or a home visit to discuss the school's concerns and how attendance and punctuality can be improved.

As you may already know, parents can be fined for taking their child on holiday in term time and I need to let you know that the government has shortened the period of time for payment of a penalty notice issued in relation to poor school attendance. For children in Reception upwards, as of September 2013 the fine has been £60 per parent per child if paid within 21 days, and £120 if paid after 21 days but within 28 days.

If your child arrives at school late (after 8.55am) then attendance will be marked with an 'L', signifying late arrival.

Our current Attendance Policy is available to view on the 'School Policies and Documentation' page of the school website.

Drop off and Collection of Nursery children

Please note that the back gate is closed at 9.15am and not re-opened until 3.00pm; therefore those collecting at 11.45am and dropping off at 12.15pm are required to use the front gates of school.

For the safety of our children we should be most grateful if parents would ensure that the second pedestrian gate is closed behind them at all times as the children are on lunch break at this time.

Finally, there were a number of complaints from our neighbours during the last academic year regarding parking. Therefore, I would like to remind you to please be considerate when parking and avoid blocking any driveways. It is also illegal to park on the zig-zag lines outside the school.

School Website and use of Children's Photographs – Nursery

The school has its own website, regularly updated. Please find time to visit the website and see the wide range of information it gives you, including many of the exciting activities the children are involved in here at Streetsbrook.

We hope that you will find the site useful in a number of other ways:

- all letters sent to parents are uploaded to the parents pages of the website
- updated Diary Dates and Term Dates can be found on the site, along with a range of other information

One of the ways in which we make the site interesting for both yourselves and the children is to regularly share with you some of the work and activities in which they are involved. We have a digital camera and take photographs of the children working in school and during school trips etc.

We will regularly update this information during the children's Nursery year – the children playing music, taking part in Physical Education, dressing up, cooking, taking part in special events and activities and so on.

Obviously, you will be able to print off these photographs at home and we hope you are happy for your child to be included in this exciting opportunity. Whilst many parents and children have access to the internet at home, we are aware that some of you do not so would like to remind you that free access to the internet for all parents is available in the school's ICT Suite.

Should you **not** wish your child's photograph to be included on the website, please contact Mrs Stead in the school office.

Also, please remember that any messages can always be sent to school by e-mail, our address being: office@streetsbrook.solihull.sch.uk

Permission for School Trips

Whenever we arrange for children to travel out of school on an educational visit we always notify parents in advance, giving full details. Last year, children in Nursery visited Wythall Transport Museum. In order for your son/daughter to be able to be included in these types of visits we should be grateful if you would complete the consent form that was given to you in your starter packs and return it to school as soon as possible.

External Clubs/Activities

We are delighted that the school is used extensively by the local community. As not all parents will be fully aware of the opportunities this offers, we will shortly be uploading the list of activities that take place, along with contact names and telephone numbers to the website. We are happy to provide this information as a reference, but obviously it is your responsibility to check on the suitability of the providers and the activities on offer.

Visit: <http://www.streetsbrook.co.uk/parents/parents.html> - and click on



[Private Clubs and Activities here at Streetsbrook](#)

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DIARY DATES - AUTUMN 2017

Day	Date	Time	Activities
SEPTEMBER			
Monday	4		INSET DAY - School Closed to children in School & Childcare
Tuesday	5		Children return to school Nursery & Reception – staggered intake
Friday	8		All Nursery & Reception is as normal
Monday	11	15:15	Swimming commences for R, Y1 & 2 Childcare Magical Maths commences for 6 weeks – R1 classroom
Tuesday	12		Football Club Commences
Wednesday	13	All Day	Year 1 Trip to Black County Museum
Thursday	14	15:15	Animated Gymnastics Club commences
Friday	15	09:00 15:15	New Parent Helper Meeting led by Mrs Butlin Animated Dance Club commences
Monday	18	15:15	Magical Maths - R1 classroom
Tuesday	19	AM & PM	Photos – All School/Individual & Family
Monday	25	15:15	Streetsbrook 60 th Birthday Celebrations Week Magical Maths - R1 classroom
Wednesday	27	19:00	Year 1 Curriculum Meeting for Parents
Thursday	28	AM 19:00	Macmillan Coffee Morning – run by PTA (tbc) Year 2 Curriculum Meeting for Parents
OCTOBER			
Monday	2	15:15	Magical Maths - R1 classroom
Friday	6	14:15 12:00	Parent Partnership Meeting Eco Team Meeting & School Council Meeting
Monday	9	15:15	Magical Maths - R1 classroom
Tuesday	10		Harvest Festival
Friday	13	12:00	Eco Team Meeting & School Council Meeting
Monday	16	15:15	Magical Maths - R1 classroom – last one
Tuesday	17	09:00-10:00 16:00 onwards	Reception Reading Workshop for parents Parent Consultations (no football club)
Wednesday	18	09:00-10:00	PANTS Special Day Reception Reading Workshop for parents
Thursday	19	09:00-10:00 16:00 onwards	Reception Reading Workshop for parents Parent Consultations
Friday	20		INSET DAY - School Closed to children in School
23 – 27 October HALF TERM			
NOVEMBER			
Wednesday	8	18:30-19:30	Year 1 'Supporting Phonics & Writing at Home' Workshop for parents
Thursday	9	09:00-10:00	Year 1 'Supporting Phonics & Writing at Home' Workshop for parents
Friday	10	12:00 09:00-10:00	Eco Team Meeting & School Council Meeting Year 1 'Supporting Phonics & Writing at Home' Workshop for parents
Friday	24	PM	PTA Christmas Fair
Wednesday	29	18:30-19:30	Year 2 Mathematics Workshop for parents
Thursday	30	09:00-10:00 17:30	Year 2 Mathematics Workshop for parents Full Governing Body Meeting
DECEMBER			
Friday	1	09:00	Parent Partnership Meeting
Tuesday	5	13:00-15:15	Year 1 to St James Church – Journey to the Stable
Wednesday	6	14:15	Reception Christmas Performance
Thursday	7	10:00	Reception Christmas Performance
Friday	8	AM & PM 12:00	Christmas Performance – Nursery Eco Team Meeting & School Council Meeting
Wednesday	13	AM	KS1 Christmas Production – Dress Rehearsal
Thursday	14	18:15	KS1 Christmas Production – Evening
Friday	15	Afternoon	KS1 Christmas Production – Day
Tues	19		Last day of Term

Academic Year 2017-18

Term Dates

Autumn Term 2017

- Term Starts Monday 4 September 2017
- Half Term Monday 23 October - Friday 27 October 2017
- Term Ends Tuesday 19 December 2017

Spring Term 2018

- Term Starts Wednesday 3 January 2018
- Half Term Monday 19 February - Friday 23 February 2018
- Term Ends Thursday 29 March 2018

Summer Term 2018

- Term Starts Monday 16 April 2018
- Half Term Monday 28 May - Friday 1 June 2018
- Term Ends Tuesday 24 July 2018

INSET DAYS

- Monday 4 September (Childcare also closed)
- Friday 20 October
- Wednesday 3 January (Childcare also closed)
- Monday 16 April
- Thursday 3 May (Childcare also closed)

Meeting for Parent Helpers in School

Child's Name: Class:

I/We will be attending the meeting for Parent Helpers in school on Friday 15 September at 9.00am..

Signed: