



# Preschool Newsletter

September 2024

Dear Parents,

A warm welcome to all of our new and existing families! It's been a brilliant start to the new school year and we are so proud of how well the children have settled. Please remember we have an open-door policy at preschool and you are always welcome to seek out a member of staff.

**DROP OFF & COLLECTION:** We would like to remind new and returning families about pick up and drop off at preschool. We start our morning session at 9am and finish at 12pm or 3pm. Please arrive on time to help your child get the most out of the session and to minimise disruption to the other children. **The early years teachers have asked that you use the slope through their outdoor area, and NOT the steps as this disturbs the children learning in their classrooms.** Please also make sure that the gates are closed behind you. We thank you for your co-operation with this.

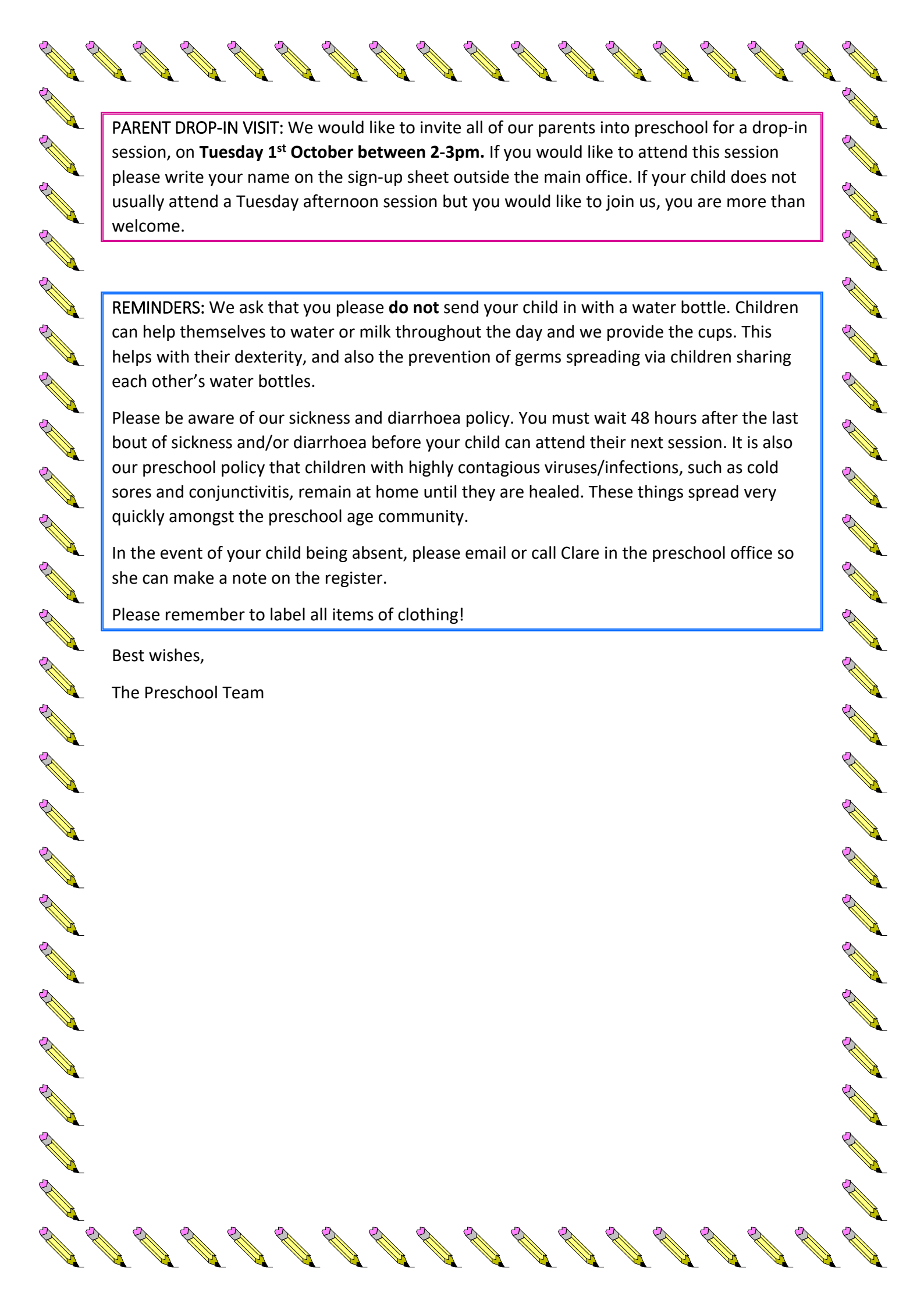
**BREAKFAST & AFTERSCHOOL CLUB:** If your child is a member of breakfast club, you can bring them in any time between 8.00-8.45am on the days you have booked a place. If you are later than 8.45am you will need to wait until 9am (after our morning meeting). If you are not a member of breakfast club or afterschool club, please ensure you arrive for your designated preschool slot. Children not attending afterschool club must be collected at 3pm. Any late collections will incur an afterschool club fee.

**FOREST SCHOOL:** Every Monday morning we go straight to the site after registration. Please can you ensure that your child arrives at 9am dressed in their forest school attire. Boots, long sleeved tops and full-length trousers are needed every session. We also ask that you provide a suitable bag for the muddy clothes to go into at the end of the session. You can locate your child's muddy boots in the hut outside preschool. Please remember that we go to forest school in all weathers and temperatures!

**TAPESTRY & SCOPAY:** Hopefully you have all been able to access Tapestry and set up your Scopay accounts. We use Tapestry as a way to communicate and share the children's preschool experiences with you, and Scopay is our online payments system. If you have any problems using Tapestry or Scopay, please contact Clare and she will be happy to assist you.

**CHILDREN'S SELF-REGISTRATION BOARD:** The children's self-registration board will be up and running from this week. When you arrive at preschool please help your child to find their photo on the board located on the left as you walk through and put it with their Play Family.

**LIBRARY:** From this week our preschool library basket will be open. Please feel free to borrow a book or story sack from our library, remembering to sign it in and out using the notepad provided. These books will be rotated every few weeks.



**PARENT DROP-IN VISIT:** We would like to invite all of our parents into preschool for a drop-in session, on **Tuesday 1<sup>st</sup> October between 2-3pm**. If you would like to attend this session please write your name on the sign-up sheet outside the main office. If your child does not usually attend a Tuesday afternoon session but you would like to join us, you are more than welcome.

**REMINDERS:** We ask that you please **do not** send your child in with a water bottle. Children can help themselves to water or milk throughout the day and we provide the cups. This helps with their dexterity, and also the prevention of germs spreading via children sharing each other's water bottles.

Please be aware of our sickness and diarrhoea policy. You must wait 48 hours after the last bout of sickness and/or diarrhoea before your child can attend their next session. It is also our preschool policy that children with highly contagious viruses/infections, such as cold sores and conjunctivitis, remain at home until they are healed. These things spread very quickly amongst the preschool age community.

In the event of your child being absent, please email or call Clare in the preschool office so she can make a note on the register.

Please remember to label all items of clothing!

Best wishes,

The Preschool Team