



Dear Parents,

We hope this newsletter finds you all well as we approach the end of the first half-term of the school year. It's been a very busy period for The Play Pad – we have had several new children join us, not only those in the EYFS but from other year groups too. On the whole everyone has settled into the routine of before and/or after school really well; the older children have been a big help especially towards the younger ones.

We hope you have an enjoyable half-term holiday and would like to thank you for your continued support.

The Play Pad Staff – Louise, Sarah, Claire, Sue, Vicky, Luke and Hannah



Hannah Prince

### **New Staff Member**

We are delighted that Hannah Prince has joined the team from the week commencing Monday 1st October. Some of you may know that Hannah (Mrs.Prince) has been a valued Teaching Assistant in school for several years as well as working in the school office – she will continue to work in the office and join us at The Play Pad on Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday afternoons; she may also cover Mondays and Fridays after school if need be. Please feel free to introduce yourselves to Hannah.

### **Polite Reminder**

Parents (and children) are kindly asked to **never** open the front door to allow another parent, child or other user in or out of The Play Pad premises.

We would also appreciate parents informing us when they are leaving the premises.

Thank you!

### **2019 intake...**

It may seem like a long way off but we have already had enquiries for the next school year, 2019!

If you have a child who will be starting school in 2019, have applied for a place at Stafford Leys, and will require before and/after school care, please ask for a registration form.

***Did you know*** you can view The Play Pad's Prospectus, Policies & Procedures and lots more\* on the Stafford Leys School website: [staffordleys.com](http://staffordleys.com)?

Follow:

**\*Parent Information> Before and After School Care**



### **Internet Safety**

With the ever increasing need to keep your children safe you might find this site useful  
<https://www.saferinternet.org.uk/adviceservice/parents-and-carers>

**Reminder:** 4 weeks' notice in writing is required regarding cancellations to your child/ren's sessions.

Extra sessions are subject to availability.

### **What's been happening at The Play Pad?**

Information is displayed daily about what's been available on the 'A' frame whiteboard where the signing in/out registers are. Please ask staff if you require any further information.

Please remember to keep us informed of any changes to contact telephone numbers, addresses, who can/cannot collect your child.

Accompanying invoices are due to be paid by  
**FRIDAY 26<sup>th</sup> OCTOBER**

### **LOST PROPERTY**

We are always trying to encourage the children to be independent and take care of their belongings. This is easier when items are **clearly named**.

If any lost property is found at The Play Pad, it will be returned to the child if it is named; if not, it will be placed in the **lost property box** outside the Year 2 area at the front of school.

### **Breakfast Club**

Children who have breakfast are welcome to bring in a named toothbrush so they can clean their teeth after they've eaten. Toothpaste is provided.

A polite reminder that breakfast finishes at **8am**. Any child wishing to have breakfast at The Play Pad must be dropped off before **8am**.

### **Eye Tests and Dental Check Ups**

These are part of the NHS services to support the overall health of your child.

Registering your child with a dentist and an optician and taking them for regular check ups from a young age can be very beneficial in spotting any early problems.