



# Milking Bank Primary School

## PARENT & SCHOOL PARTNERSHIP

### HOME/SCHOOL AGREEMENT

When your child starts school you will be invited to sign our Home/School Agreement. This sets out our commitment to providing your child with the best possible education and confirms the partnership between home and school.

A copy of our Home/School Agreement is available on request.

### HELP IN THE SCHOOL

At Milking Bank School we have an 'open door' policy and parents are always welcome. We believe it is vital that parents and teachers work together for the good of our children, whether you can come into school regularly and work alongside the staff, whether you would like to become involved with some of our community sessions, or whether you just want to share in your own child's education. We feel it is important for you to know of all the opportunities we provide for parents to become involved at school. If you have time to help in the classroom or nursery, please talk to your child's class teacher.

### VISITORS IN SCHOOL

Unless your visit to school is a regular commitment arranged with the class teacher, or for assemblies and special occasions, we ask that you call at Reception or see the Headteacher on arrival. For fire regulations and for reasons of safety, we always need to know who is on the school premises.

### DAISY CHAIN



During the half term before your child starts school you will be invited to join 'Daisy Chain'. The purpose of these sessions is not only to keep you informed about school and the curriculum, but to make you and your child feel welcome, at ease and excited about starting school.



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## YOUR CHILD'S ACHIEVEMENTS

We involve parents in their child's school records. We invite parents and children to come in once a term to talk with staff. At some of these sessions you may be asked to write a comment about how you think your child is getting on. These comments are included on your child's record card.

In the **Autumn** our parents evening is informal and based on getting to know your child's class teacher and updating your child's Medical information.

In the **Spring** we share achievements and set targets.

In the **Summer** you will receive your child's 'End of Year Report'.

You are of course welcome to come in at any time if you are concerned or want to talk to the Headteacher.

Children with Special Educational Needs may have additional targets set at Parents Consultations or other meetings, as appropriate.

## SPECIAL OCCASIONS

Parents are invited into school to share class assemblies and special celebrations such as Christmas, Diwali and Harvest. We also plan concerts and plays to which parents, governors and members of our local community are invited. We hold a 'Praise Assembly' every Friday afternoon. This is a celebration of positive achievements throughout the week. Early Years and Upper Years take turns to attend this assembly. Schedule is displayed on the outside notice board.

## HOME-SCHOOL READING

Children are encouraged to take home books to read or share. Please ensure your child has a book pack for the protection of their books and reading record. These can be purchased in school.

Due to the National Literacy Strategy most reading in school takes place in groups. However, the support you can give your child at home cannot be underestimated.



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## **PARENTS AND TODDLERS GROUP**

Each Monday and Thursday afternoon from 1.30 - 3.00p.m. we have Parent & Toddler sessions in our Community Room. These sessions help parents to get to know each other and meet regularly. It also provides opportunities for children to learn to play together with a wide range of play materials. The sessions are organised by parents and are very well subscribed. Each session costs 50p which covers refreshments and materials.

## **UNDER 5's STORYTIME**

This is held in the Community Room each Thursday from 9.30 - 10.30a.m. Stories, rhymes and other activities are organised by school staff. Children can also join our pre-school library which is provided free of charge. Your child can choose from a wide selection of good quality picture and story books.

## **PLAYMATES**

Playmates is organised independently of the school. At these sessions, which run on Monday, Wednesday & Friday mornings, (between 9.30 and 11.30 a.m.) pre-school children are cared for by adults in the Community Room. A charge is made, and details of who to contact may be obtained from the office.

## **PRE-NURSERY GROUP**

A term before your child starts Nursery our staff will visit your home to explain what goes on at Nursery and start to get to know you. During this term you will be asked to bring your child each Tuesday afternoon from 2.00p.m. - 3.00p.m. to our pre-nursery sessions for an hour of play activities, stories and rhymes. You and your child will spend some of that time in Nursery with the staff that will care for them when they begin Nursery. These sessions are vitally important as they make the child feel secure in the school. They allow us to share with you the aims of the Nursery education and how we need your help, and they allow parents and children to get to know each other.