

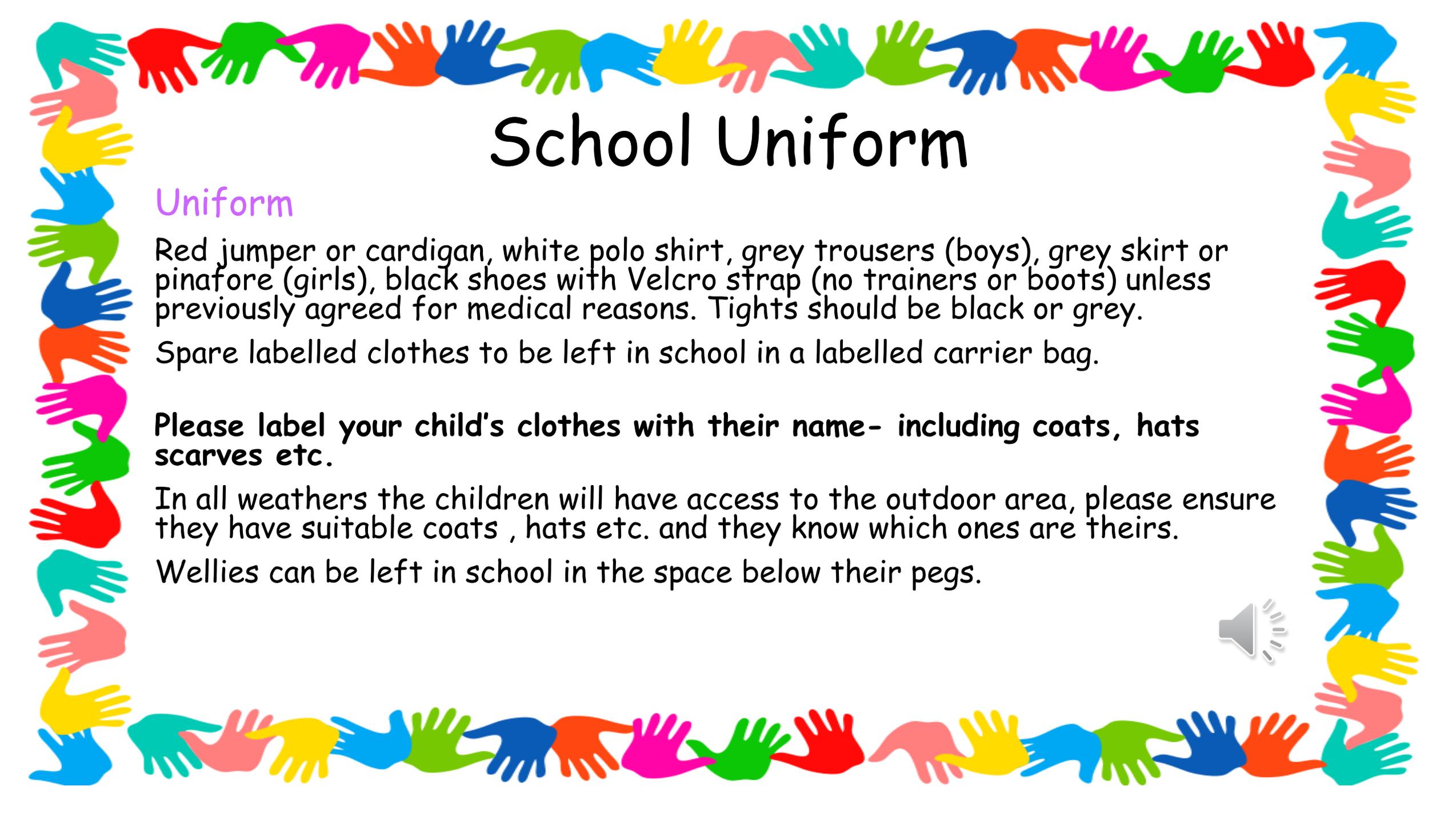
# Nursery Welcome Meeting 2020-2021

Nursery Staff:

Miss Finnegan  
Mrs Buchannan  
Miss Barron  
Mrs O'Brien

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# School Uniform

## Uniform

Red jumper or cardigan, white polo shirt, grey trousers (boys), grey skirt or pinafore (girls), black shoes with Velcro strap (no trainers or boots) unless previously agreed for medical reasons. Tights should be black or grey.

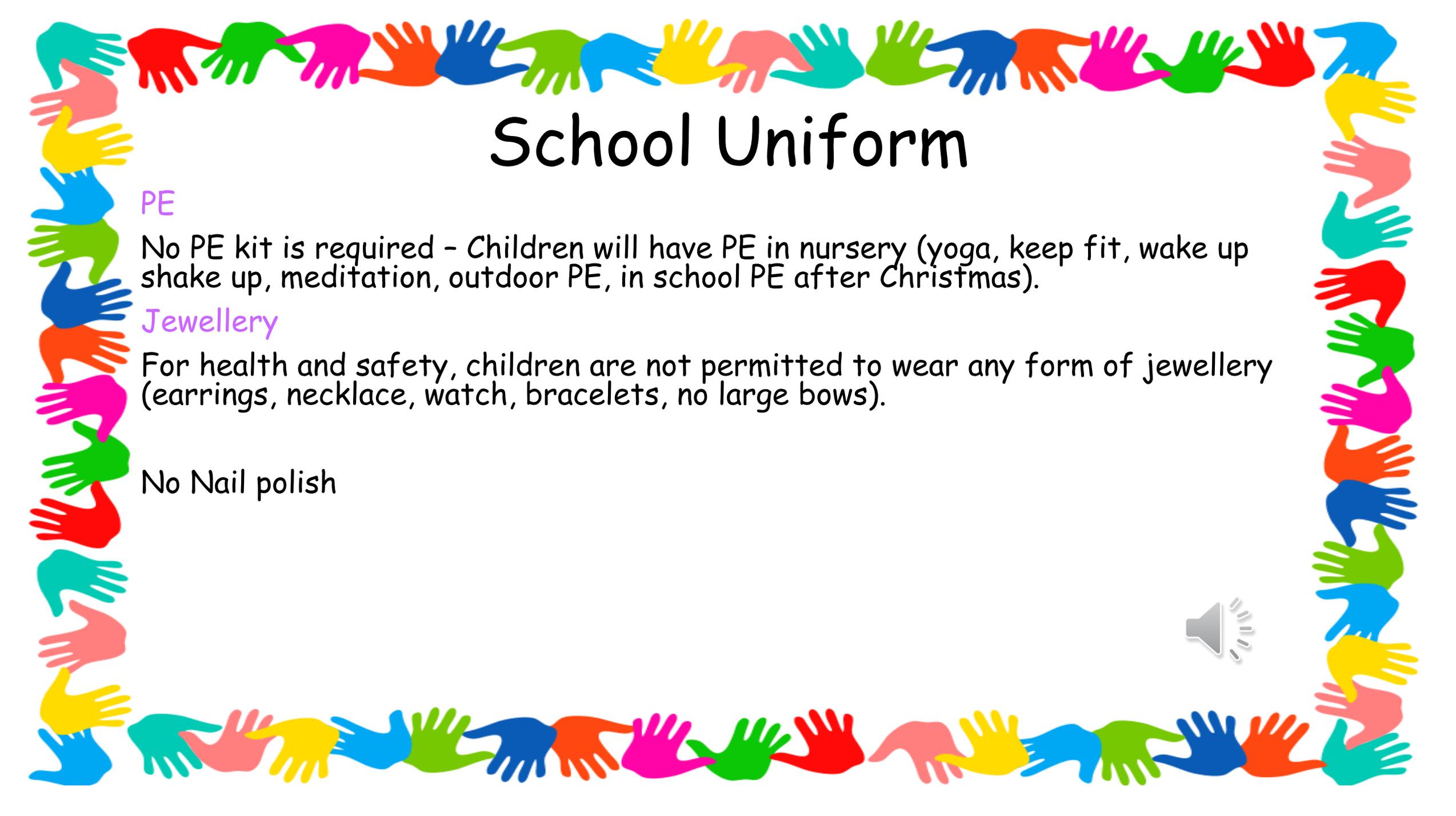
Spare labelled clothes to be left in school in a labelled carrier bag.

**Please label your child's clothes with their name- including coats, hats scarves etc.**

In all weathers the children will have access to the outdoor area, please ensure they have suitable coats , hats etc. and they know which ones are theirs.

Wellies can be left in school in the space below their pegs.





# School Uniform

## PE

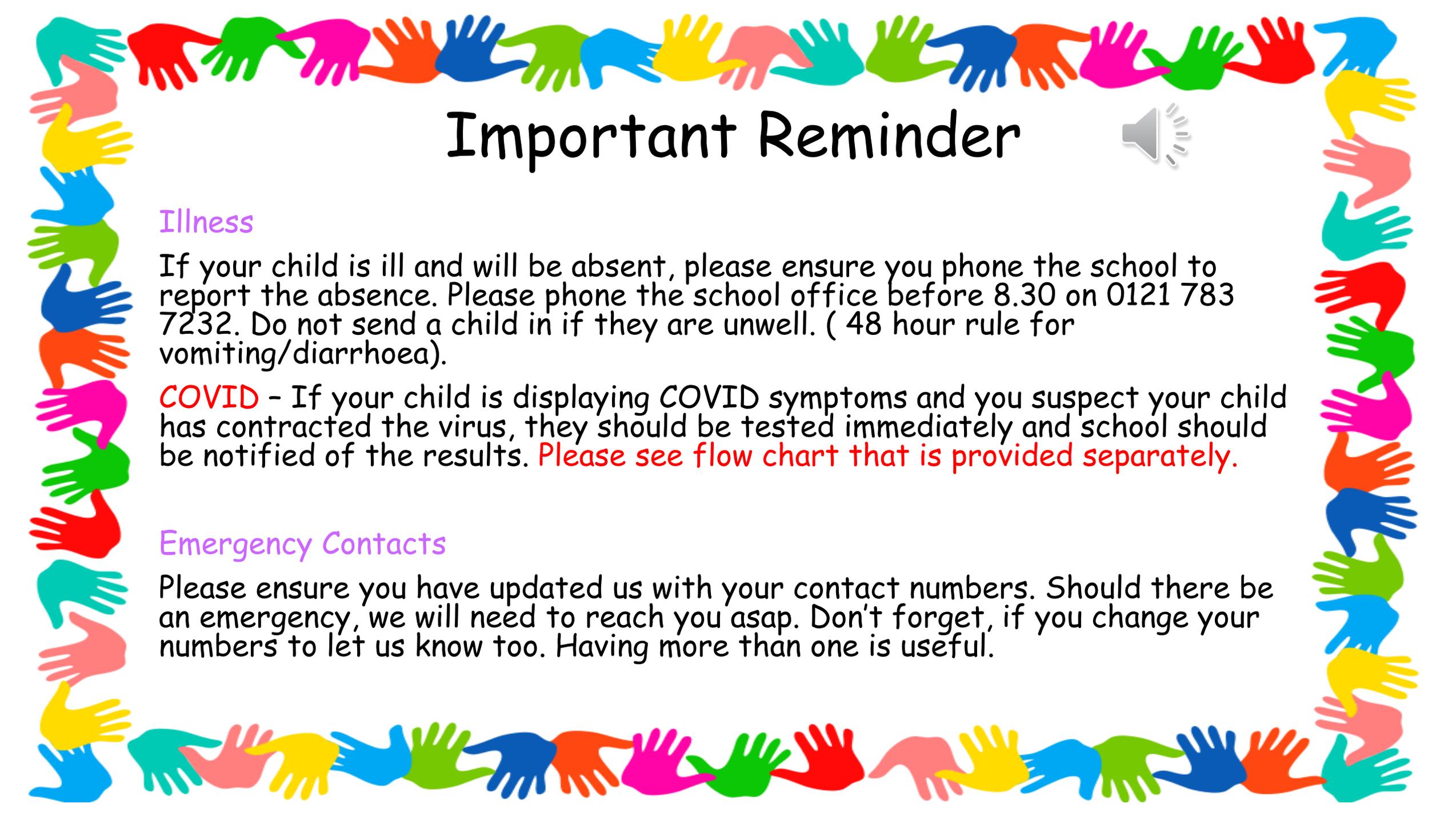
No PE kit is required - Children will have PE in nursery (yoga, keep fit, wake up shake up, meditation, outdoor PE, in school PE after Christmas).

## Jewellery

For health and safety, children are not permitted to wear any form of jewellery (earrings, necklace, watch, bracelets, no large bows).

No Nail polish





# Important Reminder



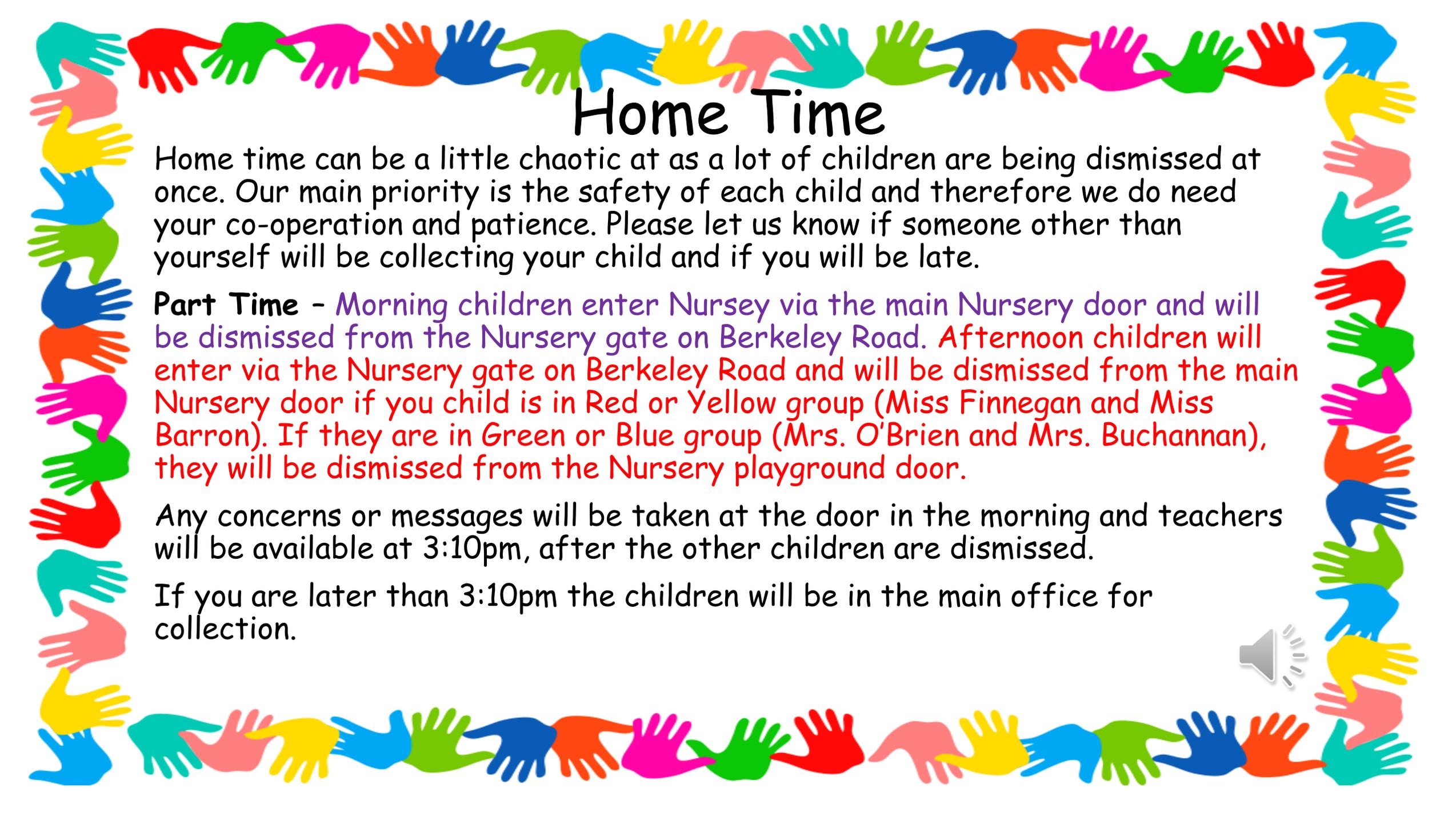
## Illness

If your child is ill and will be absent, please ensure you phone the school to report the absence. Please phone the school office before 8.30 on 0121 783 7232. Do not send a child in if they are unwell. ( 48 hour rule for vomiting/diarrhoea).

**COVID** - If your child is displaying COVID symptoms and you suspect your child has contracted the virus, they should be tested immediately and school should be notified of the results. **Please see flow chart that is provided separately.**

## Emergency Contacts

Please ensure you have updated us with your contact numbers. Should there be an emergency, we will need to reach you asap. Don't forget, if you change your numbers to let us know too. Having more than one is useful.



# Home Time

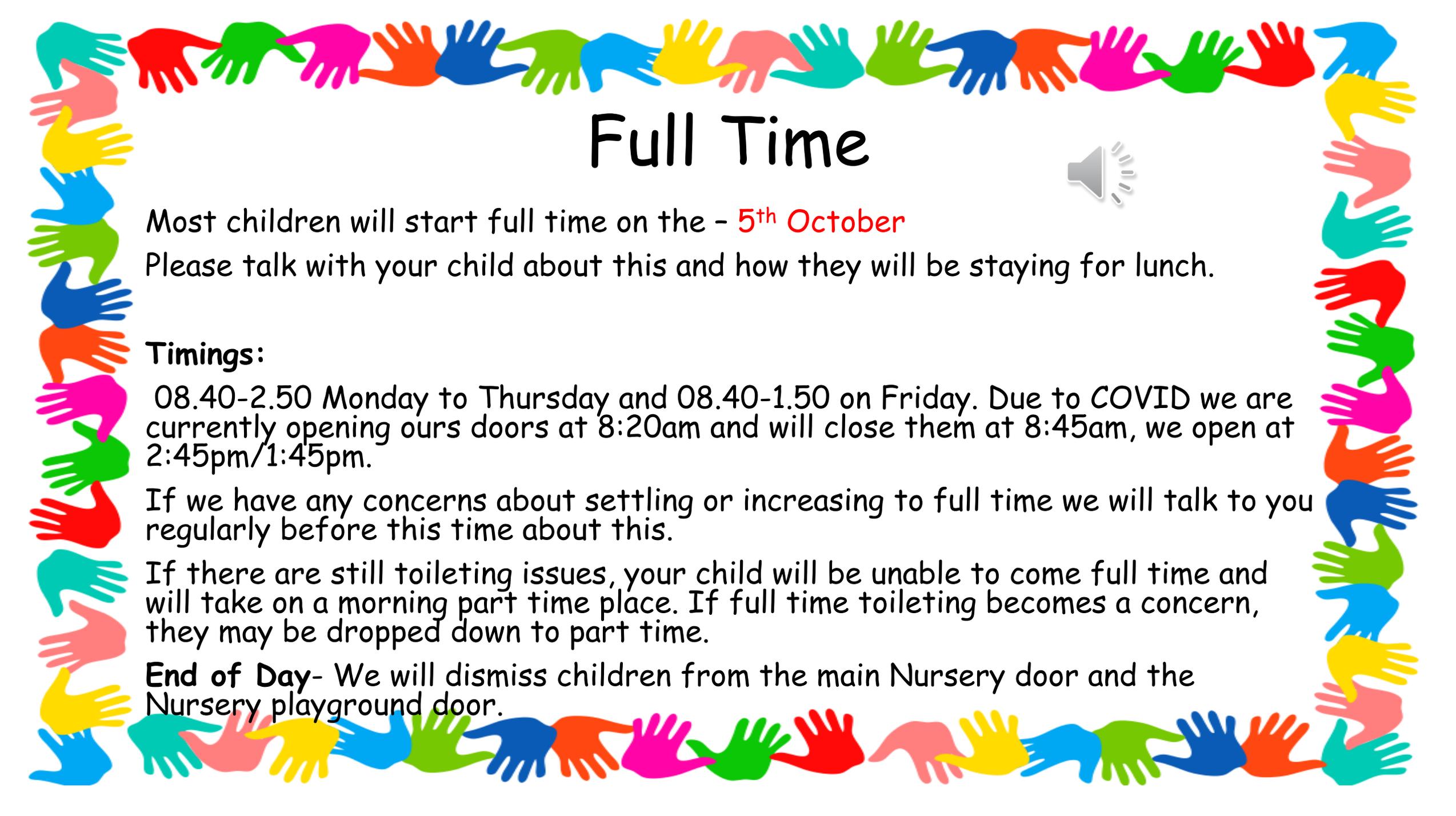
Home time can be a little chaotic as a lot of children are being dismissed at once. Our main priority is the safety of each child and therefore we do need your co-operation and patience. Please let us know if someone other than yourself will be collecting your child and if you will be late.

**Part Time** - Morning children enter Nursey via the main Nursery door and will be dismissed from the Nursery gate on Berkeley Road. Afternoon children will enter via the Nursery gate on Berkeley Road and will be dismissed from the main Nursery door if you child is in Red or Yellow group (Miss Finnegan and Miss Barron). If they are in Green or Blue group (Mrs. O'Brien and Mrs. Buchannan), they will be dismissed from the Nursery playground door.

Any concerns or messages will be taken at the door in the morning and teachers will be available at 3:10pm, after the other children are dismissed.

If you are later than 3:10pm the children will be in the main office for collection.





# Full Time



Most children will start full time on the - **5<sup>th</sup> October**

Please talk with your child about this and how they will be staying for lunch.

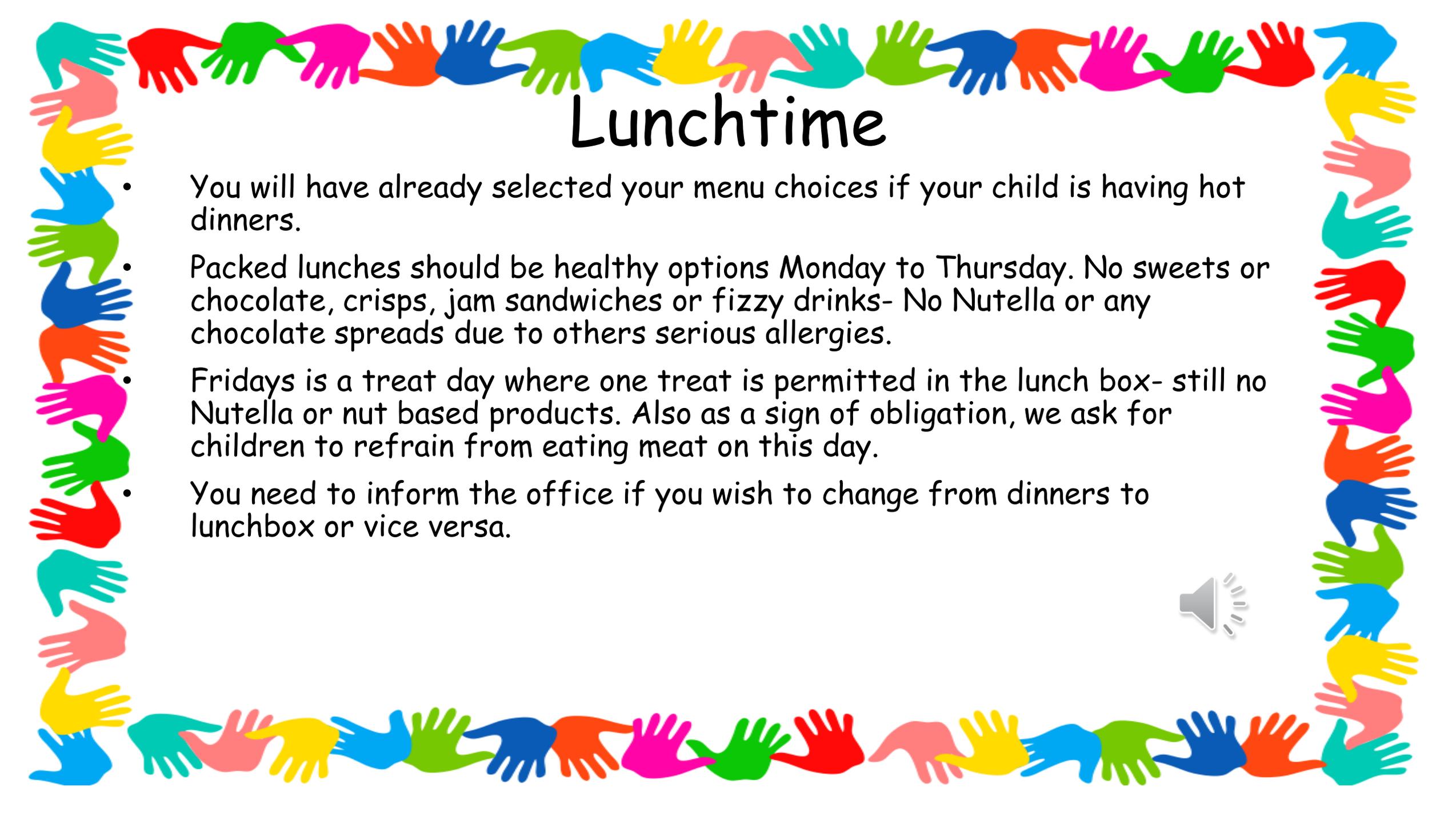
## Timings:

08.40-2.50 Monday to Thursday and 08.40-1.50 on Friday. Due to COVID we are currently opening our doors at 8:20am and will close them at 8:45am, we open at 2:45pm/1:45pm.

If we have any concerns about settling or increasing to full time we will talk to you regularly before this time about this.

If there are still toileting issues, your child will be unable to come full time and will take on a morning part time place. If full time toileting becomes a concern, they may be dropped down to part time.

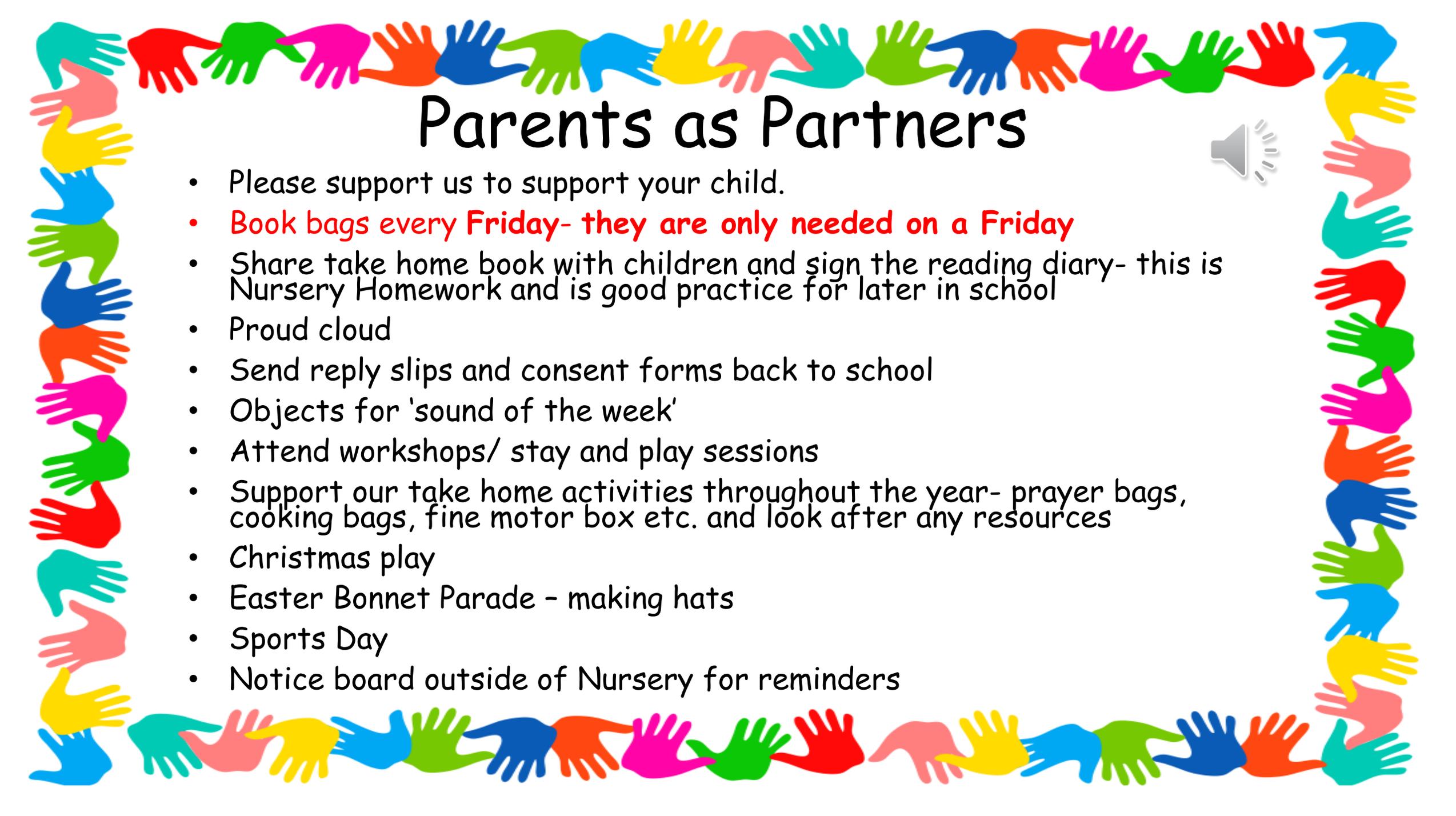
**End of Day-** We will dismiss children from the main Nursery door and the Nursery playground door.



# Lunchtime

- You will have already selected your menu choices if your child is having hot dinners.
- Packed lunches should be healthy options Monday to Thursday. No sweets or chocolate, crisps, jam sandwiches or fizzy drinks- No Nutella or any chocolate spreads due to others serious allergies.
- Fridays is a treat day where one treat is permitted in the lunch box- still no Nutella or nut based products. Also as a sign of obligation, we ask for children to refrain from eating meat on this day.
- You need to inform the office if you wish to change from dinners to lunchbox or vice versa.

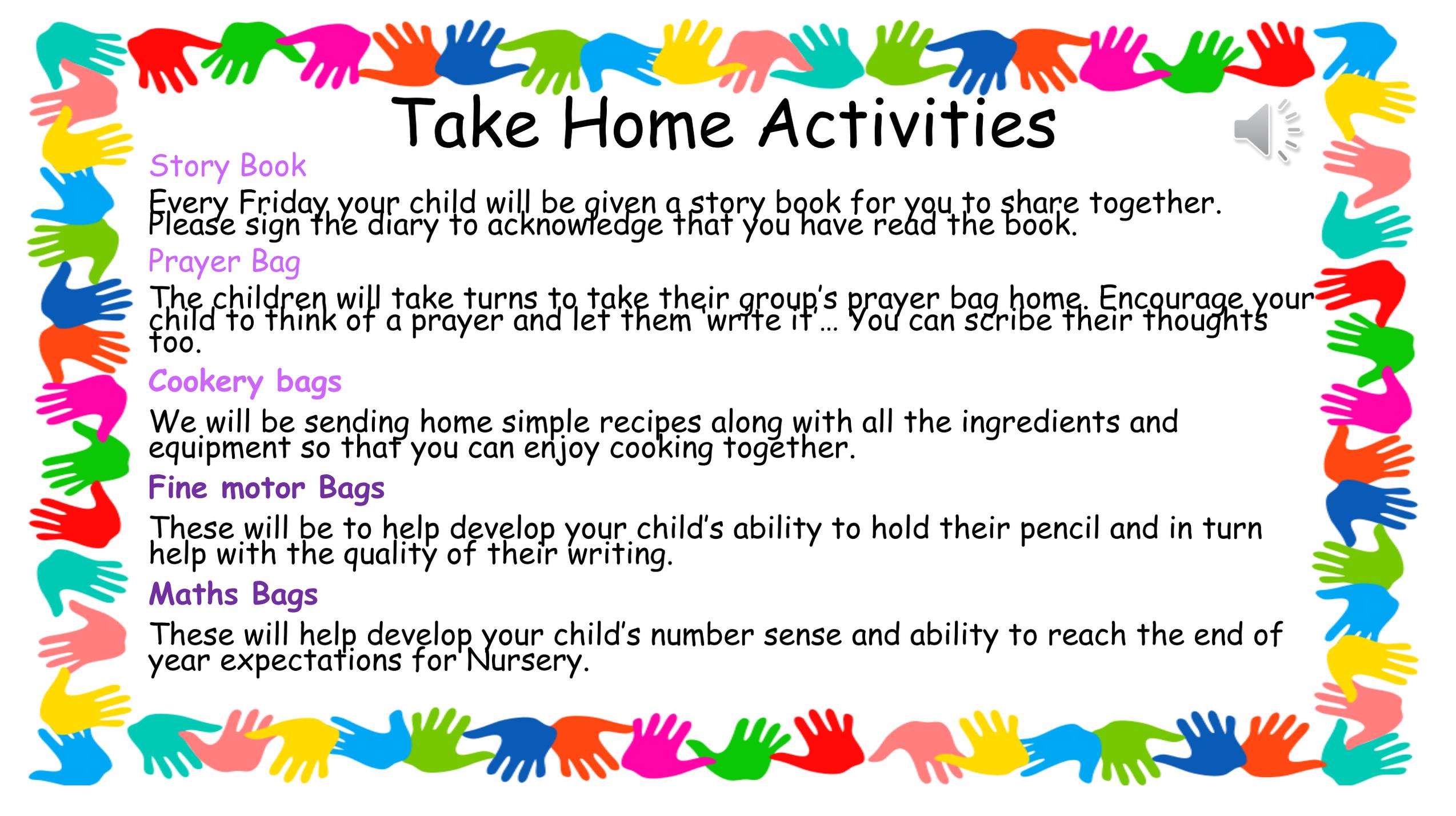




# Parents as Partners



- Please support us to support your child.
- **Book bags every Friday- they are only needed on a Friday**
- Share take home book with children and sign the reading diary- this is Nursery Homework and is good practice for later in school
- Proud cloud
- Send reply slips and consent forms back to school
- Objects for 'sound of the week'
- Attend workshops/ stay and play sessions
- Support our take home activities throughout the year- prayer bags, cooking bags, fine motor box etc. and look after any resources
- Christmas play
- Easter Bonnet Parade - making hats
- Sports Day
- Notice board outside of Nursery for reminders



# Take Home Activities



## Story Book

Every Friday your child will be given a story book for you to share together. Please sign the diary to acknowledge that you have read the book.

## Prayer Bag

The children will take turns to take their group's prayer bag home. Encourage your child to think of a prayer and let them 'write it'... You can scribe their thoughts too.

## Cookery bags

We will be sending home simple recipes along with all the ingredients and equipment so that you can enjoy cooking together.

## Fine motor Bags

These will be to help develop your child's ability to hold their pencil and in turn help with the quality of their writing.

## Maths Bags

These will help develop your child's number sense and ability to reach the end of year expectations for Nursery.



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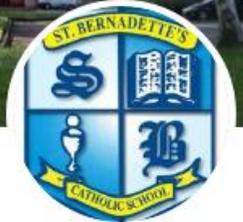
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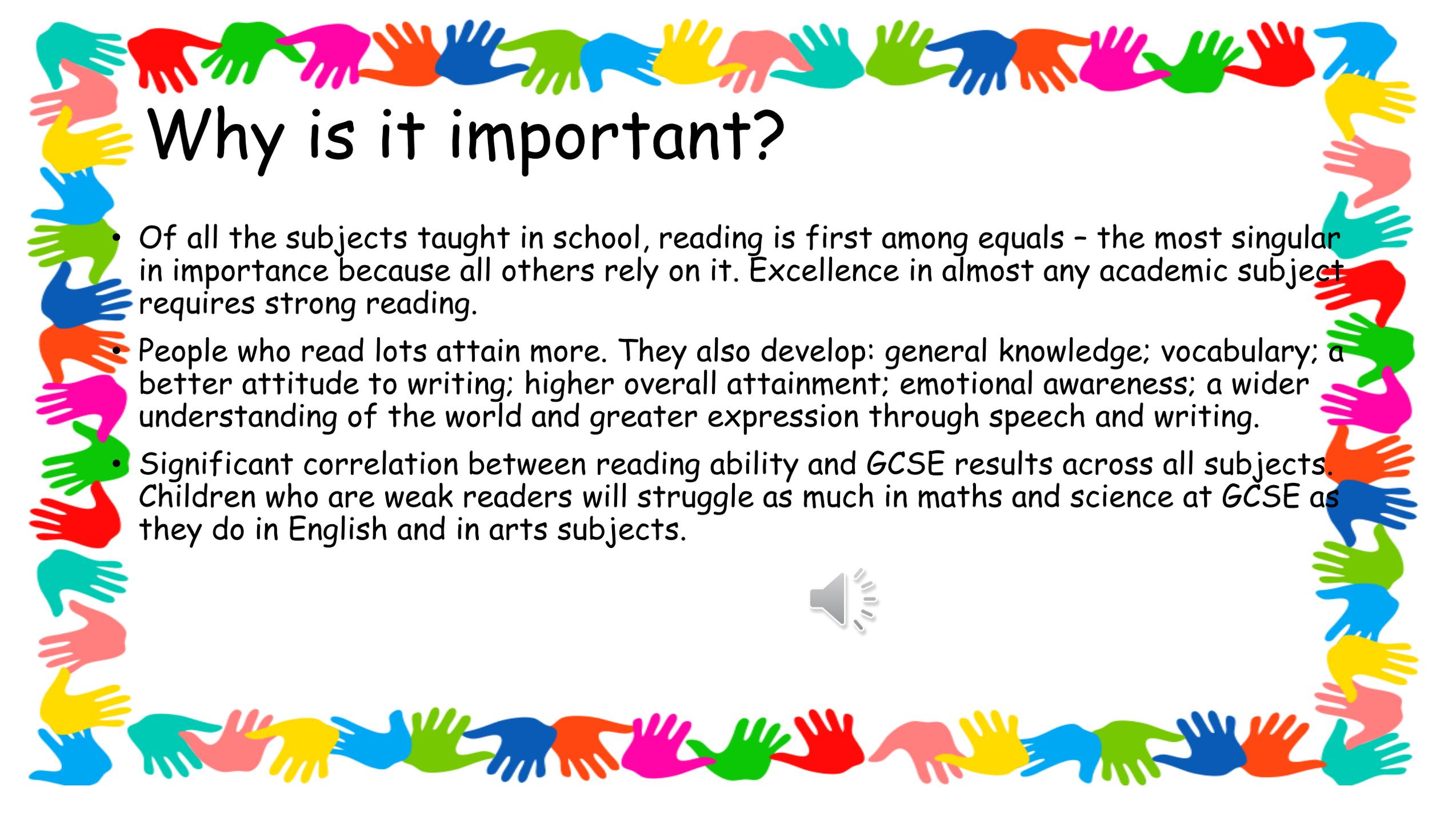
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# Reading for Pleasure

There are many little ways to enlarge your child's world. Love of books is the best of all.

—Jacqueline Kennedy Onassis





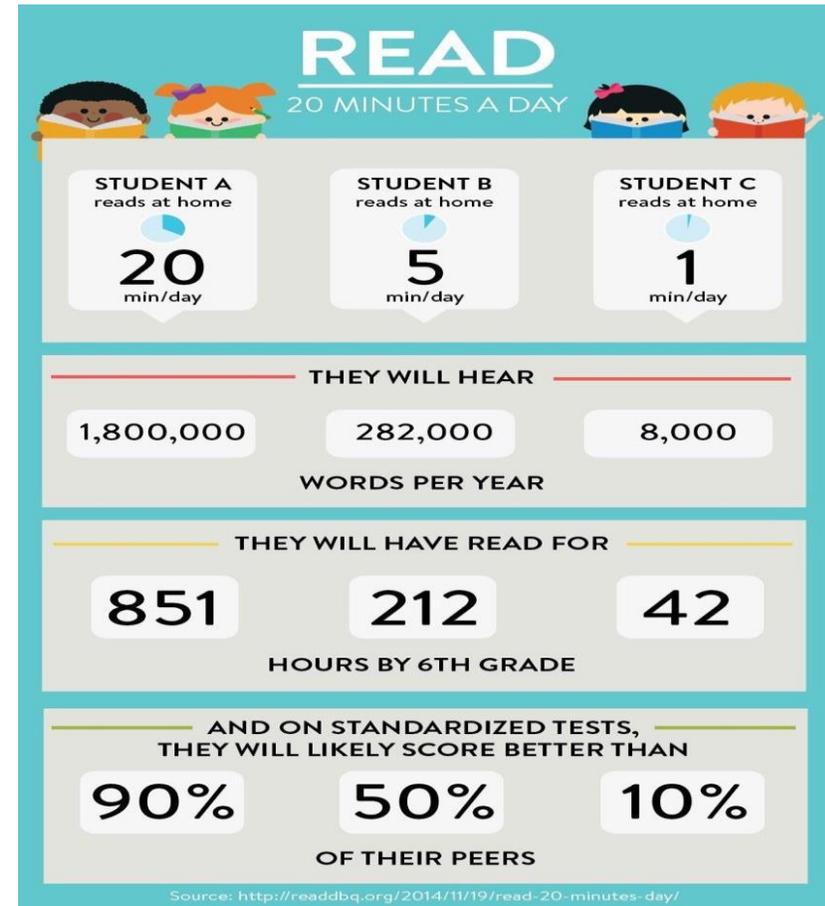
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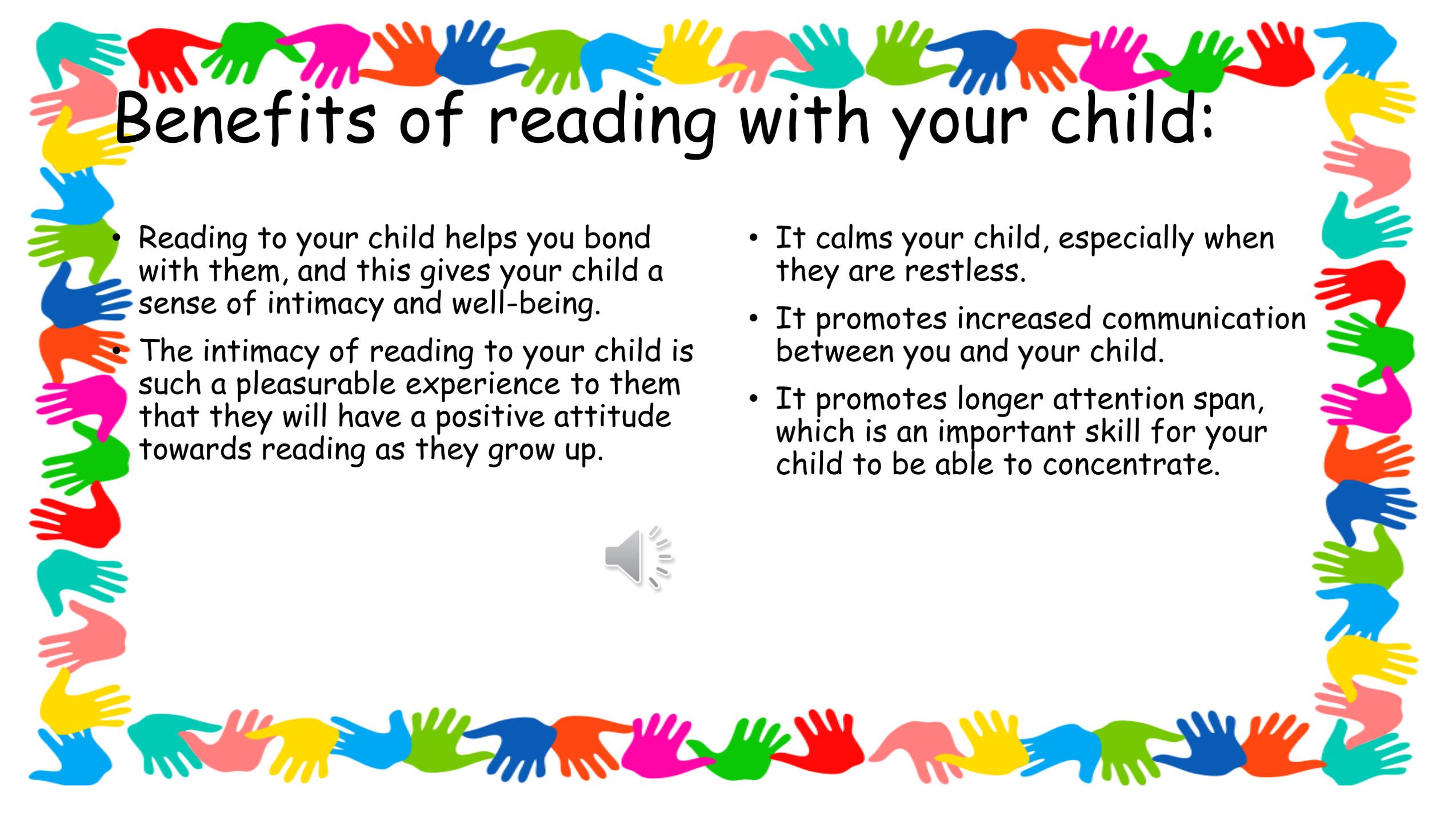
- Of all the subjects taught in school, reading is first among equals - the most singular in importance because all others rely on it. Excellence in almost any academic subject requires strong reading.
- People who read lots attain more. They also develop: general knowledge; vocabulary; a better attitude to writing; higher overall attainment; emotional awareness; a wider understanding of the world and greater expression through speech and writing.
- Significant correlation between reading ability and GCSE results across all subjects. Children who are weak readers will struggle as much in maths and science at GCSE as they do in English and in arts subjects.



# Why is it important?

- Parents who read one picture book with their children every day provide their children with exposure to an estimated 78,000 words each a year. Over the 5 years before starting school, we estimate that children from literacy-rich homes hear 1.4 million more words during storybook reading than children who are never read to.

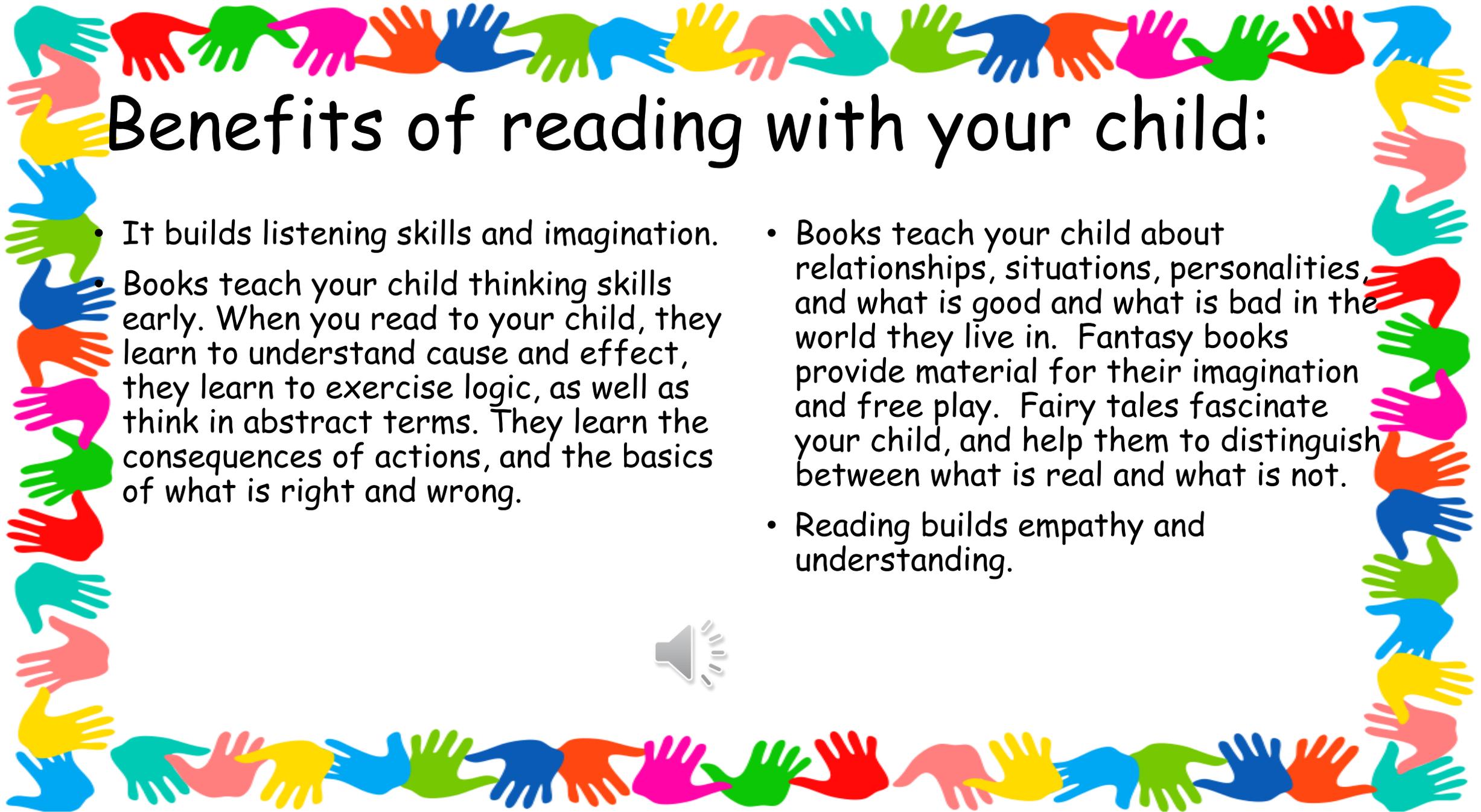




# Benefits of reading with your child:

- Reading to your child helps you bond with them, and this gives your child a sense of intimacy and well-being.
- The intimacy of reading to your child is such a pleasurable experience to them that they will have a positive attitude towards reading as they grow up.
- It calms your child, especially when they are restless.
- It promotes increased communication between you and your child.
- It promotes longer attention span, which is an important skill for your child to be able to concentrate.





# Benefits of reading with your child:

- It builds listening skills and imagination.
- Books teach your child thinking skills early. When you read to your child, they learn to understand cause and effect, they learn to exercise logic, as well as think in abstract terms. They learn the consequences of actions, and the basics of what is right and wrong.
- Books teach your child about relationships, situations, personalities, and what is good and what is bad in the world they live in. Fantasy books provide material for their imagination and free play. Fairy tales fascinate your child, and help them to distinguish between what is real and what is not.
- Reading builds empathy and understanding.





# How can you support?



- Read every day with your child for at least 15 minutes a day.
- Share a wide range of reading material - fiction, non-fiction, poetry, newspapers and magazines.
- Use our Top 20 or Book of the Month suggestions to help explore a wider range of authors and genres.
- Create a Toppsta profile and enter giveaways to win new books for your child to review - encourage them to share their opinions about what they have read.
- Take them to the library.
- Share and sing Nursery Rhymes we send home.
- Share take home book.



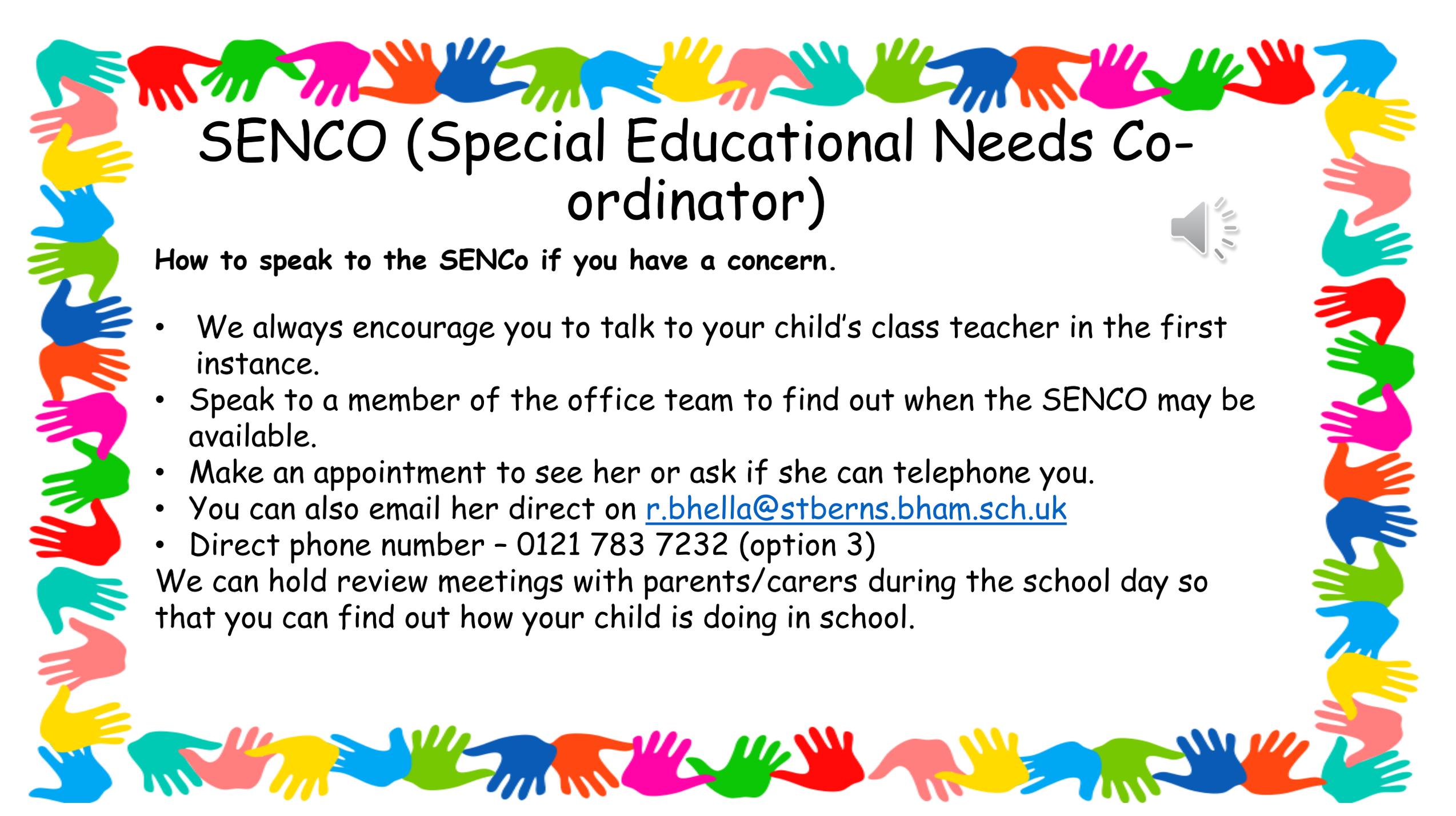
# SENCO (Special Educational Needs Co-ordinator)



Hello and welcome! My name is Mrs Bhella and I am the SENCo. I work with children, teachers, parents and agencies to ensure that our pupil's needs are met.



Please visit our school website to find out what we can offer you, if you think your child has special educational needs.



# SENCO (Special Educational Needs Co-ordinator)

How to speak to the SENCo if you have a concern.

- We always encourage you to talk to your child's class teacher in the first instance.
- Speak to a member of the office team to find out when the SENCO may be available.
- Make an appointment to see her or ask if she can telephone you.
- You can also email her direct on [r.bhella@stberns.bham.sch.uk](mailto:r.bhella@stberns.bham.sch.uk)
- Direct phone number - 0121 783 7232 (option 3)

We can hold review meetings with parents/carers during the school day so that you can find out how your child is doing in school.