



PWLL AUTISM TEACHING FACILITY - ATF 1

WELCOME TO OUR AUTUMN TERM NEWSLETTER



Welcome back to the Autumn term in ATF 1! I hope you have all had a fantastic summer break and have enjoyed spending some well deserved time in the sun!

I am absolutely thrilled to be back teaching in ATF 1 this year! For those of you who don't know me, my name is Jake Parsons, and I have been working within Pwll's Autism Teaching Facility since 2015. I originally joined as a Level 3 Teaching Assistant before going on to gain my teaching qualification four years ago. Since then, I have worked as a teacher across various classes within the ATF.

I was also the first teacher to work in ATF 1 when it opened as our fourth class two years ago. I was fortunate to play a key role in establishing the learning environment and setting up the class, which makes returning to ATF 1 this year particularly exciting for me.

I am really looking forward to another fantastic year, continuing to create a positive, engaging and supportive learning environment for all our pupils, while getting to know our new starters and finding out how our returning pupils have grown and developed since I last worked with them

I would just like to go over some basic class information that might be useful to both new and returning parents.

- Many of our pupils will keep a drinks bottle in school for the whole year, which staff will clean and fill-up throughout the day. This can make it much easier than sending in a new drink every day. You can also send in a big bottle of squash (if your child does not drink water) and we will let you know when it runs out.
- Nappies, wipes and creams (if needed) can also be sent in in bulk if preferred, and again we will update you when more are needed.
- Spare clothes are always useful to have in school, particularly as we take part in lots of messy, sensory and water-based activities throughout the year. They can also be helpful in case of any unexpected accidents or spills. Spare clothes can either be sent in to be kept at school or placed in your child's school bag, whichever is most convenient for you. Having a change of clothes available helps us to make sure pupils can feel comfortable and continue to enjoy all the activities and opportunities we have planned. **Could all jumpers, spare clothes, bottles, coats, wellies etc. all have your child's name or initials on them please.**
- The school uses the app/website Class Dojo as its primary communication method. Once you have returned your induction pack (that includes phone numbers, emails and addresses) you will be added to the class and will be able to message myself when needed, as well as view class stories (that will often include pictures) and whole school stories to keep up to date with events, information and important dates.

This half-term our topic is 'All About Me'. We will be exploring all our different likes and dislikes, delving into what makes us each unique, practicing our fine and gross motor skills and making fun and crazy self-portraits!

This year I am lucky enough to be supported by the following team: Mrs Clare Soady-Jackson, Miss Kayley Evans and Miss Leah Jones.

We kindly ask for **£1 a week** to cover the costs of our food tasting sessions. All payments are to be made on Parent Pay. Please could you ensure that you pay at the beginning of the term so that we can obtain all the ingredients necessary. Thank you. All future trips will also be paid for via ParentPay, if a cost is required. If you are new to the school, it may take a few weeks before you are connected to ParentPay, so don't panic!

We are all looking forward to an exciting year ahead, if you have any more questions or comments feel free to message me on Dojo, drop me an email or give the school a call.

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