

Brimstage No.1

Jack and Jill Day Nursery Newsletter

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Welcome!



Sports relief

First of all I would like to say a big welcome to all our new parents and children who have joined since our opening in January. The children have settled really well and are happy to come to nursery.



We are very proud we managed to raise £40 for sports relief, we had such a fun day doing obstacle courses and having a teddy bears picnic and lots of other fun activities.



Learning Journals

As you know we have recently changed the children's diaries and developmental files, these are now combined into one file making it easier to track their development. There is also a new parent comment box for you to add anything you have seen your child do at home or to say how they have been overnight. All comments, however big or small, are much appreciated and help us to provide continuity of care. We would like to hear your views on our new files and have given out letters which can be handed into your child's key person.

Children's interests

Your child's development is very important to us and to ensure we are focusing on each child's personal interests we have been sending out slips for you to fill in, letting us know what your child's current interest is at home and what their favourite toy, game, word or family member is at the moment so we can work together with you in helping to make their play and learning more positive and enjoyable.

Please fill in the slip and hand it back to a member of staff who can then put this into your child's learning journal.

Tesco and Sainsbury Vouchers



We would like to thank you for all your help collecting the vouchers, we still have until the end of the month to get as many as we can!

Recycling



Please can you help us to promote the importance of recycling. It is currently a big government drive to recycle and save our planet, so we would like to encourage this in nursery as much as possible. We will be collecting cardboard, plastics, paper and any other materials that can be recycled. These will then be turned into works of art, so please keep and collect, encourage the

children at home as well as nursery to keep our environment healthy for their future. I would also like so say a big thank

you to Jack's Nan who has brought in lots of items to support our creative play.



Warm Weather



As the warm weather is approaching we would like to remind you to bring in a sun hat for your child to wear during outdoor play. We do provide sun cream with a minimum factor 20, if you wish your child to have a higher factor then please pop it in their bag for nursery.

Photographs

On Tuesday 22nd June we will be having a photographer from Studio 900 come into nursery to take professional photographs of the children. If your child does not normally attend on this day you are more than welcome to bring them in for the photograph's. Letters will be sent out closer to the time giving more information

Family Photos

The children really seem to enjoy having their photos from nursery displayed around the room, we would like to build on this by asking you to bring in some family photos for us to display in your child's room. This will help us to promote their personal, social and emotional development by supporting their feelings, experiences and personal adventures. Photographs of family members, friends and pets will provide opportunities for the children to recognise family members and talk about their experiences throughout the day.

Staff Training

You may have noticed some new faces in the nursery, we have Leanne who is training towards her NVQ Level 2 and Sarah who will also be taking up a NVQ course. We believe it is important for our staff to regularly train and refresh their knowledge. This month and next, both Sarah and Leanne will be attending a First Aid and a Safeguarding Children course and Michelle will be attending a course about supporting children with Downs Syndrome.

Outdoor Play

We intend to develop our garden area further, to enhance our outdoor learning experiences. We have been growing potatoes in grow bags that the children have helped to take care of and will soon be ready to eat! We also have a vegetable patch in progress, we are hoping to plant and grow more vegetables that we can use in the kitchen. We plan to involve the children in all aspects of cultivating and caring for plants. If you have any left over seeds or cuttings that we could use or any surplus gardening equipment we would be grateful for any suitable donations.

This will compliment our outdoor classroom where we will be extending the children's learning of the outdoor environment for instance the weather, seasons, mini beasts and many more.

If you have any items that you no longer need or want then please bring them in.

If you would like to receive future issues of the newsletter by e-mail then please pass on your e-mail address to Jodie. Thank You.

Staff



Jodie



Michelle



Sarah



Leanne



Martina

Messy Play

We love getting creative and getting involved in messy play at nursery. We do encourage the children to wear aprons but sometimes still manage to end up messy!! So could you please provide a spare set of clothes in their nursery bag. Thank You.



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