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Newsletter Autumn Term 2021

Dear Parents and Carers,

Welcome to our first newsletter of the 2021-2022 academic year. Whether you and your child are new to us, or returning after the Summer term, we offer you a warm welcome. The children are already settling in incredibly well, developing friendships, having fun and building memories.

NURSERY HOURS

Please make sure that you arrive promptly at the correct time for your child's nursery session. This is really important to ensure children can be greeted and settled properly. This is also quality key group time with your child's key teacher. The children participate in registration, songs, stories, signing and fun learning. It is a valued part of the day.

We offer Breakfast Club from 8.30am - 9:00am and Afterschool Provision from 3:00pm - 3:30pm as a chargeable service, if this is helpful.

ATTENDANCE

We are required to monitor children's attendance at nursery particularly those in 'Big Nursery' (pre-primary school year). Please ensure that your child attends every session or day unless he/she is unwell.

SICKNESS

If your child is ill can you, please ring us on (0121) 440 3066 to tell us what is wrong. We need to keep a check on child illness to make sure we are following the correct guidelines. If your child has sickness/diarrhoea they must not come into nursery until this has cleared. Your child needs to remain at home 48 hours after the last episode of sickness/diarrhoea.



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COVID-19

We request all parents and carers continue to wear face coverings while on the school site. Let's continue to work together to keep each other safe.

Please refer to the government website for all updated information regarding COVID 19: <https://www.gov.uk/coronavirus>. Our latest letter on this topic can be found here: [Jakeman Letter to Parents 24.9.2021.pdf](#)

COLLECTING CHILDREN

Please make sure that any changes to the people that can collect your child are given to the Nursery Office. Only people on the contact card can collect (**all persons must be over 16 years of age**). It is a government requirement that we always hold the contact details of at least 2 adults that know your child well (Keeping Children Safe in Education, September 2021).

HOT SCHOOL MEALS

We are delighted to advise that we will be offering hot, freshly cooked and nutritionally balanced meals from 11th October 2021. These will be available for children entitled to free school meals. Sample menus have already been distributed. Feel free to ask for another if you require such.

You can also purchase a school meal at the cost of £2.20 per day, these will need to be ordered and paid for in advance. Please see the office for further information. Booking forms have already been sent out to parents.

NURSERY PLACES 2021-2022

If you know a child who will be 3 between 1st September 2021 and 31st December 2021 we have both part time (15hrs) or subject to meeting the criteria 30hr places available. Please request a waiting list form from the Nursery Office.

EARLY EDUCATION ENTITLEMENT

If you know a child who will be aged 2 between 1st September 2021 and 31st December 2021 and is looking for Nursery provision for January 2022, they may be eligible for a 2 year funded place with us. Please speak to our admin office here at Jakeman for the funding criteria.



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RECEPTION PLACES FOR PRIMARY SCHOOL

If your child is due to go to Primary School in September 2022 you will now need to apply online, applications start in October 2021. For more information about the admissions process or to apply, please visit:

<https://www.birmingham.gov.uk/schooladmissions>

If you do not have access to the internet please ask us to help.

HEAD LICE

Young children can often catch head lice. Do not worry, we are used to it. We ask that you regularly check your child's hair and treat appropriately. Your child can still come to nursery once treated. Please ask for further information if needed. A head lice letter will come home to all parents informing them of what to do to treat this common condition.

CLOTHES

Children should bring spare clothes with them in a labelled bag. We have a limited supply of spare clothing. Please return these as quickly as possible or bring your own spare clothes if you prefer. Thank You.

CHILDREN IN NAPPIES OR IN THE EARLY STAGES OF TOILETING

We are a very inclusive setting and welcome all children. Each child develops at different stages and may not yet be toilet trained. Please ensure your children comes to nursery with nappies, wipes and nappy sacks in a bag labelled with their name. This will enable staff to change your child during their nursery session, if needed.

CURRICULUM NEWS

Personal Social and Emotional Development

Staff will be working very closely with key children and parents to aid a smooth settling in, staff will invite children to play, modelling how to use the tools and supporting them with the nursery day routine.



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We will be learning about how we can keep our selves safe at nursery and when we are not such as road safety, stranger danger, the NSPCC 'pants rule' and people who can help us. Children will also be supported to regularly wash their hands throughout the nursery session as part of our COVID secure procedures.

All staff have received 'trauma informed training'. Children's wellbeing and mental health is our priority. We have a named mental health first-aider in school (Janine Maidment).

Physical Development

Children will be developing their physical skills through accessing activities such as; outside play equipment, malleable resources, writing resources and accessing dance and movement. Staff will also be encouraging children with their independence skills by encouraging them to dress and feed themselves.

We provide prewriting activities in the environment for the children to access independently and to strengthen their muscles and coordination. Teachers find learning opportunities during the day to model writing and during group times we will be looking at writing our names. Pre-writing workshops for parents take place during the school year.

Communication and Language

To develop children's listening skills we will be supporting children in turn-taking activities during group time sessions and using musical instruments to play sound games.

Singing is a great way for children to learn new language. They love joining in with actions and words when the teachers sing nursery rhymes. This helps us to develop children's vocabulary and helps their ears 'tune into' rhythmic and rhyming sounds.

During this term we will be taking part in the 'Rhyme Challenge' for you to help your children with their communication and language skills at home.

All children are supported with their communication skills via our use of the Wellcomm toolkit. This is a city-wide initiative to improve children's communication which in turn improves educational outcomes for children. You will be invited into nursery to discuss your child's communication skills and be asked to complete a screening assessment alongside your child's teacher.



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Janine Maidment (Senior Nursery Manager) is our Communication Champion, if you have any concerns around your child's development she will be happy to support you.

Literacy

We will support children to recognise their names during registration and encourage children to recognise those of their friends.

During story time sessions, we talk about the characters, setting, the structure of a story and think about what might happen next. We learn about turning one page at a time, reading from left to right, using our 'reading finger', the contents page, page numbers, the blurb, title, author and illustrator.

We are happy to say that our 'Bedtime Story Challenge' is back. This will be a wonderful time to share stories with your child at home, these include bilingual stories.

Children will have access to a wide range of information books to support and encourage learning through their individual interests.

Mathematics

Children will be encouraged to count using their 'counting finger' to find the total amount, they will count how many children are in their group. Lots of repetition of number is used during the nursery day when children access activities.

Children will be supported to learn the names of simple shapes and will be encouraged to look for shapes in the environment and how we might use them in our play as we build and construct.

Children will be introduced to real number; this will include an understanding that the final number in the count is the total number of objects present. This is often best supported during every day experiences and using number within role play scenario's such as playing shops.

Understanding the World

Children will have opportunities to explore the natural environment and observe changes in the environment outside as we move into Autumn. We will be using lots of natural resources such as twigs, leaves and conkers for art activities.



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This term we will be looking at how people celebrate Christmas.

We will also be introducing children to UNICEF UN Convention on the rights of the child (we are a gold rights respecting school). Activities and planning for children involves children's voices and is led by children's interests.

Expressive Arts and Design

In our outdoor Studio we will be introducing large painting activities, and using natural resources to create collage art work. These skills will enable children to express their ideas and thoughts through various forms of media.

Children will be introduced to simple stories and encouraged to use props to extend the story.

Health for Life: Children will learn about healthy foods and the effect they have on their bodies. Children will have opportunities to taste different fruits and vegetables at snack time and during cooking activities. Teachers are trained in 'Startwell', an initiative which supports healthy eating and lifestyles.

Please pick up a leaflet on 'Healthy Lunch Boxes' from reception. This includes some wonderful ideas to support you with ensuring your child has a balanced diet.



UNICEF RIGHTS RESEPECTING SCHOOL AWARD

We are delighted to announce some amazing news; we have been awarded the UNICEF Rights Respecting School **Gold Award**. Only a handful of early years providers across the country have achieved this accolade which makes it even more special. Thank you to everyone that contributed to this work over the past few years.

The award is recognition that children's rights are threaded through our school policies and are embedded within the ethos of the school. Those of you that are new to Jakeman this year, you can learn more here [What is the Gold: Rights Respecting Schools Award? - Unicef UK](#)



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Our Gold report can be found here... [Rights Respecting School Award \(jakeman.bham.sch.uk\)](http://www.jakeman.bham.sch.uk)

We will continue to ensure that children are encouraged to share their ideas, problem-solve, negotiate, listen and respond to the ideas of others and use language/alternative means of communication to make choices and let others know their needs. Images of the children's 'rights respecting steering group' are displayed in our school entrance. Children are learning to keep themselves safe and are confident in speaking to teachers when they are worried about something. We will continue to find ways to fund raise for 'Wasteaid', part of the school's outright campaign.

The United Nations Convention on the Rights of the Child is pivotal in our work with you and your children as a rights respecting school.

Some examples of this are:

Article 29 of the UN Convention on the Rights of the Child stipulates that: 'you have the right to an education which develops and nurtures your talents and help protect the environment'.

Article 28 'You have the right to a good quality education'

Article 23 'You have the right to special education and care if you have a disability'.

Article 31 'You have the right to play and rest'

You will see references to the articles throughout much of the literature that we produce.

At Jakeman we pride ourselves on preparing children for life in modern Britain, with a sound knowledge of British values and how they can become valuable and outstanding citizens. We subscribe to the Birmingham Curriculum Statement. Please see the 'curriculum' tab of our website to learn more. This also provides access to our statement of 'curriculum intent' – [Jakeman Nursery School - Home](http://www.jakeman.bham.sch.uk)



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Article 24 'You have the right to nutritious food and clean water'

We are a collection point for Narthex Food Bank

The foods most in need are:

Pasta

Tinned foods

Dry Spices/herbs

Tea, coffee, sugar

Bread sticks, crackers

Oats, cereals

Biscuits

We wish to thank all our families for their generosity during the fund raising events that have taken place previously. With your help our children at Jakeman Nursery are learning how to become global citizens.

TAPESTRY

'TAPESTRY' is our online learning journal, which means that you can be a 'fly on the wall' and see snapshots of your child's play and learning whilst they are at Nursery. If you haven't been able to access, please speak to your key teacher or admin team. To plan appropriate activities, staff carry out assessments. These start with careful observation. Observations inform planning and in turn are used to support the children's wellbeing, development and learning. In response to the latest EYFS reforms (Sept 2021), we plan to reduce the amount of practitioner time that is used to capture and document evidence of learning via children's individual online journals (Tapestry). This will increase the amount of time that our team are able to spend observing, interacting and considering next steps for your children.



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FRUIT DONATIONS

Please donate fruit weekly to help the school provide your child with healthy snacks each day. Thank you

MONEY

Any monies due to be paid to nursery must be paid through the 'School Money' online portal. This is a secure online payment system. All parents will have an account set up for them and you will receive a text message notification when any fees, snack or dinner monies are due.

Please note that we are not able to receive cash, all payments must be made through 'School Money'. If you have any questions regarding this system, please speak to a member of the team in the nursery office.

PARKING

We know that this is a difficult issue for most schools. Please park safely on the nearby roads, ensuring that you do not park across the entrance to the school car park, on the zig-zag lines or the pavement.

We do have a designated parking place for the parents of children with a physical disability. Please speak to the office if you require access to this. We appreciate your understanding and if you can walk or cycle, that would be great.

HEALTHY SCHOOL (Article 24)

As a healthy school we encourage children and families to follow a healthy lifestyle. Children have regular or constant access to fresh drinking water and milk throughout the day (Article 24 - 'You have the right to fresh water and nutritious food'). Food and snacks are based on recommended guidelines for the under 5's.



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When it is your child's birthday you may wish to bring something in to share. We ask for shop bought (not home-made) cakes which will be sent home with the children at collection time. Please do not bring in sweets, lollipops etc. as we are not able to give these out.

During celebration times, food will still be healthy with maybe cakes or biscuits on offer. Any child with allergies will be catered for.

NURSERY COMMUNICATION WITH PARENTS

Please ensure you read all letters from school, these hold important information about what is happening and school dates. Thank You.

Please 'like' and 'follow' our Twitter, Instagram and Facebook pages for lots of useful information about life in nursery! You can also find all the school information and policies on our school website.

GOVERNING BOARD

Information about our Governing Body, including the current members, can be found on our website. Since September 2018 Jakeman has been a member of the Birmingham Federation of Maintained Nursery Schools. We are 1 of 9 schools that report to a single Governing Board. Our Executive Head Teacher, David Aldworth, is also responsible for Allens Croft Nursery School in Kings Heath and Shenley Fields Nursery School in Northfield.

SAFEGUARDING

We Take Safeguarding Seriously

Safeguarding is of the Utmost Importance to Us

Article 19- 'You have the right to be protected from being hurt and mistreated in body and in mind'.

Our school is committed to safeguarding and promoting the wellbeing of all children and expects our staff and volunteers to share this commitment.

Under procedures laid down by the Education Authority, the Head Teacher is responsible for child protection and has a legal obligation to take appropriate action where non-accidental injury or abuse of any kind is suspected.



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It is the duty of every adult coming into contact with the children to refer any concerns regarding a child's welfare to the Designated Safeguarding Lead (DSL). Our Designated Safeguarding Leads are:

- David Aldworth (Executive Head Teacher)
- Janine Maidment
- Maria Mackey
- Naz Ali

If you have any concerns that a child has been harmed, is at risk of harm, or you receive a disclosure, please contact main reception as soon as possible and ask to speak to a designated person named above. Our first priority is your child's welfare and therefore there may be occasions when our concern about your child means that we must consult other agencies even before we contact you. The procedures we follow have been laid down by the Birmingham Safeguarding Children Board. The school may disclose your child's personal data to statutory bodies where we consider it necessary within the requirements of the Data Protection Act. If staff become aware of or have a need to become involved in situations where a child may be at risk of hurting themselves or others or, if a behaviour of a child disrupts good order in the school or causes damage to property staff may need to take steps to intervene physically. In such circumstances staff will follow the school's policy for dealing with such situations. It may be necessary to change your child's clothes in school (due to toileting accident or over enthusiastic water play etc).

A copy of our Safeguarding and Child Protection Policy (Sept 2021) is available on our website.

If anything concerns you or worries you, please report it to us immediately on (0121) 440 3066.

Safeguarding is everyone's responsibility.

eSafety is constantly in the news and of growing importance to us all. You may find these websites helpful in supporting your child when using the internet.

www.nspcc.org.uk/preventing-abuse/keeping-children-safe/online-safety

www.thinkuknow.co.uk/parents



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All staff have received full paediatric first aid training and first aid in the workplace (Sept 2021).

MOBILE PHONES

Our e-Safety policy stipulates that mobile phones are not allowed in nursery, this includes staff, visitors and parents. We ask you not to use your phone in the building. Thank you.

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

UN Rights Respecting School GOLD Award Celebration- Friday 15th October 2021

Inset Days (closed to all children for staff training):

Monday 6th September

Friday 22nd October

Tuesday 4th January

Friday 11th March

Friday 22nd July



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School Year 2021 to 2022

Autumn Term 2021

Term Starts: Thursday 2 September 2021
Half Term: Monday 25 October 2021 to Friday 29 October 2021
Term Ends: Friday 17 December 2021

Spring Term 2022

Term Starts: Tuesday 4 January 2022
Half Term: Monday 21 February 2022 to Friday 25 February 2022
Term Ends: Friday 8 April 2022

Summer Term 2022

Term Starts: Monday 25 April 2022
Half Term: Monday 30 May 2022 to Friday 3 June 2022
Term Ends: Thursday 21 July 2022

We hope that this letter has been useful, please ask if you are unsure about anything or need more information.

Very best wishes from the whole Jakeman team.