



JAKEMAN NURSERY SCHOOL

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Newsletter Summer Term 2021

Dear Parents and Carers,

Welcome to our final newsletter of the 2020-2021 academic year. Whether you and your child are new to us or have been partnering with us for many years, we offer you a warm welcome. The children that are new to us are already settling in incredibly well, developing friendships, having fun and building memories. Our more experienced children are loving school life and getting increasingly excited about the journey ahead on to primary school in the Autumn.

Curriculum Report - Spring Term 2021

Please click here: [PowerPoint Presentation \(jakeman.bham.sch.uk\)](http://jakeman.bham.sch.uk)

Time-Keeping

Please ensure that you arrive promptly at the correct time for your child's nursery session. This is really important as we are then able to ensure children can be greeted and settled with the very best of care. This is also quality time when your child can be with your family's key teacher and a key part of the attachment process. The children participate in registration, songs, stories, signing and fun learning. It is a valued part of the day.

The end of the session is equally as important, so please try to avoid collecting your child early, unless it is an emergency. Early collection means that your child misses out





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on going home routines. The doors will open 5 minutes before the end of each session for those families who need to rush off to other schools.

If you are late collecting there is a charge of £10.00 per 15 minutes that you are late.

Did you know?

We offer Breakfast Club from 8.30am-9:00am and Afterschool Provision from 3:00pm-3:30pm, as an option. Please talk to our friendly office team about charges and availability.

Attendance

We are required to monitor children's attendance at nursery. Please ensure your child attends every scheduled session or day unless your child is ill.

Well done to all our children and families who received their attendance certificates for the Autumn term!

Sickness

If your child is ill, please ring the Nursery 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 BACK TO NURSERY** until this has cleared. Your child needs to remain at home 48 hours after the last episode of sickness/ diarrhoea.

If your child has any of the following symptoms s/he must self-isolate at home, not attend school and you must arrange for a PCR test (that is send away to a lab for



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analysis - not a home testing kit) to be undertaken.

- A high temperature (hot to touch on the chest or the back)
- A new continuous cough (coughing a lot for more than an hour)
- A loss or change to your sense of smell or taste

If your child receives a negative PCR result, s/he can return to school immediately. If the test is positive, your child must isolate with all those that live in the same household for 10 days. If your child still has a high temperature after 10 days, please call us before attempting to return to school. A child may return after 10 days of isolation with a cough or change of smell/ taste as these symptoms can last for months and do not present a threat to others after the isolation period.

About 1 in 3 people with coronavirus do not have any symptoms but can still infect others. We are proud that we have had only a single case of COVID-19 in school throughout the whole of the pandemic. Please help us stay 'COVID-SAFE' by continuing to following these guidelines and the additional detail with the COVID-19 parent handbook. Thank you.

Collecting Children

Please make sure that any changes to the people that can collect your child are given to the Nursery Office. Only adults listed on the contact card can collect (all such persons MUST be over 16 years of age).

Nursery Places September 2021

If you have a child who will be 3 before the 31st August 2021 we are pleased to announce we are offering your child a **free full time place (30 hours per week)** for this academic year *only*. Please fill in a waiting list form from the Nursery Office.





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Early Education Entitlement

If you have a child who will be aged 2 before 1st September 2021, they may be eligible for a **FREE** 15 hour funded place. Please speak to our admin office here at Jakeman for further details of the funding criteria.

We continue to offer paid-for places for either a morning session (08:30am to 11:30am) or from 12:30pm to 3:30pm. We offer a full day from 9:00-3:00pm with additional breakfast and after school charges. Please contact the office for further information.

We also offer colleague paid-for places and **TAX FREE** child care. Speak to our office team if you think you may be eligible.

Reception Places in Primary Schools

If your child is due to begin Primary School in September 2021, you should have been informed of the school that has been allocated by the City Council. If you have not had notice of your child's primary school place, please speak to our Office Manager (Vicky Brennan) at the main nursery office as soon as possible.

If your child is approaching Primary School age and you have not applied for a primary school place, please speak to the Office Manager as soon as possible who will support you through the process.



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Clothes

The Summer term is here and we already beginning to see new learning opportunities to outdoors. We support children to explore the natural environment as research over many decades proves that young children learn best from hands-on experiences. This means getting messy! 'Best' clothes are, therefore, to be kept at home.

Please put your child's name in ALL items of clothing, including shoes, coats, bags and lunch-boxes. We can see up to 100 children during a single day. Returning unnamed clothes is a virtually impossible task therefore.

Children in 'little' (2-3's) and 'big' (3-4's) nursery should bring spare clothes with them in a labelled bag, we have a very limited supply of spare clothing, please return these as quickly as possible or bring your own spare clothes if you prefer. Thank You.

Sun Protection



With the Summer term well underway please make sure you apply sun cream to your child before s/he comes to nursery. All skin types and shades burn and this can sadly lead to illnesses later in life. We supply sun cream if we need to top this up however, should you wish to provide your child with their own, this must be clearly labelled and given to your child's teacher.

We ask that children also have appropriate clothing that covers more sensitive areas such as shoulders, we advise you do not send children in to nursery in vest ops or sleeveless summer dresses.

A sun hat helps protect your child from direct exposure of the sun, please make sure these are labelled clearly with your child's name. Thank you.





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Our Sun Protection Policy can be found here: [Sun Protection Policy \(CLUSTER\) 8.12.2020.pdf \(jakeman.bham.sch.uk\)](#)



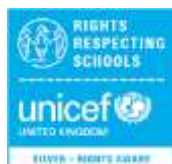
Rights Respecting School Award (RRSA)

We have our GOLD Award visit on the 30th June 2021. This will be an opportunity to show off all the hard work children have done and how confident they are becoming in knowing they have rights and are the 'right holders'. Teachers, parents and any adult that is involved with the child are designated as 'duty bearers'. We all have a part to play in helping our children develop the confidence in knowing they have rights. These rights are there from birth, rights are theirs and no one can take them away. All rights are important.

If you would like to find out more about the United Nations Convention on the Rights of the Child, please click the following link: <https://www.unicef.org.uk/rights-respecting-schools/the-rrsa/introducing-the-crc/>

Children are encouraged to share their ideas, problem-solve, negotiate, listen and respond to the ideas of others. We support them to use language/ alternative means of communication to make choices and let others know their needs. Images of our 'Children's Rights Respecting Steering Group' are displayed at our school entrance. The children of Jakeman learn to keep themselves safe and are confident in speaking to teachers when they are worried.

Article 29 'You have the right to an education which develops and nurtures your talents and helps protect the environment'. In March we raised funds on 'World Book





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Day' for a charity by the name of 'Books for Africa'. This supports all children in less wealthy countries to have access to books.

- 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'

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. This can be accessed here: [Birmingham Curriculum Statement | Birmingham City Council](#)

Please click the following link to our website to learn more about our Rights Respecting journey: [Jakeman Nursery School - Rights Respecting Schools](#)

Our 'Rights Respecting Steering Group' are doing a great job in helping our 'new to nursery' children to learn the routines and self-care skills that they have been taught previously. These children are showing a high level of empathy and kindness towards their new friends. We are very proud of them!

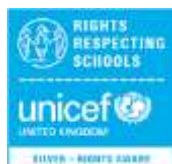
Safeguarding

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

We must always hold at least 2 contact numbers as a minimum on your children's records. This is part of Government Safeguarding Procedures. If you change your contact number, you **MUST** inform the office immediately. The Designated Safeguarding Leads (DSL) for our school are:

David Aldworth: Executive Head Teacher and Lead DSL

Janine Maidment: Senior Nursery Manager, Deputy DSL, Mental Health First Aider





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Charlotte Carter: Teacher

Naz Ali: Teaching Assistant

If you see anything that concerns you regarding a child's safety or wellbeing, please let us know. Safeguarding is of the utmost importance to us. We also have a full set of the necessary policies including safeguarding, please ask to see them if you wish or you can read them on our website. Our Safeguarding and Child Protection Policy (approved by our Governing Board in September 2020) can be accessed here: [Safeguarding and Child Protection Policy 9.20 JNS.pdf \(jakeman.bham.sch.uk\)](#)

'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

Our school policies do not allow for the use of mobile phones in Nursery, this includes staff, visitors and parents. We ask you not to use your phone in the building therefore. Thank you.



UN Convention on the Rights of the Child. Article 24 - 'You have the right to nutritious food and clean water'

We are a collection point for Narthex Food Bank. If you are able to make a small donation at any time in support of our local community, we would be most grateful. The foods most in need are:





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Pasta

Tinned foods

Dry herbs and spices

Tea, coffee, sugar

Breadsticks

Oats and cereals

Biscuits

Crackers

We wish to thank all our families for your 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 from their time in nursery. If you have any difficulty accessing your child's Tapestry account, please speak to your key teacher.

Lunch Boxes

We are a Healthy School and encourage children to learn about healthy lifestyles and how to look after their body.

Please ensure your child's lunch box is well balanced. We will not give children sweets in lunch boxes these will be kept until the child goes home.





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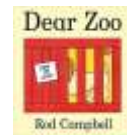
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Parking

We know this to be 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 or on the pavement. This hides children from view, placing them at greater risk of being struck by a passing car.

We appreciate your understanding and if you can walk or cycle that would be great.



Reading- Bedtime Story Challenge

The children of Jakeman all took part in a 10 week bedtime story challenge last term. Well done to all the children and thank you to parents and carers for your assistance. We hope to have another 10 week bedtime story challenge this term with new stories.

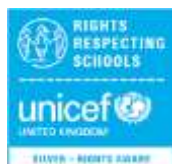


Healthy School

(Article 24 of the Convention on the Rights of the Child)

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 'You have the right to fresh water and nutritious food'. Food and snacks are based on recommended guidelines for under 5's.

When it is your child's birthday you may wish to bring something in to share. We ask for shop bought cakes which will be sent home with the children at collection time.





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Please do not bring in sweets/ lollipops etc. as we are not allowed 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 separately catered for.

We have Healthy lunch box ideas leaflets. Please ask for one of these at reception.

Parent Communication Links

Tapestry is a key link for parents so please ensure you log on regularly.

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

Please follow Jakeman on Twitter, Instagram and Facebook! You can also find all the school information and policies on our school website.

If you wish to speak to a member of the Senior Leadership Team, please arrange an appointment with the office.

Dates for your Diary

Monday 14th June to Friday 18th

Parent Consultation Meetings

Please book an appointment with your child's teacher.

Monday 5th July 2021

INSET day - School CLOSED to all children



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Wednesday 14th July 2021

'Graduation Day'

Only for children beginning the Reception year of Primary Schools in September 2021),

We will be closed to all children - except those that are going to primary school.

Tuesday 20th July 2021

Teddy Bear's Picnic

Tuesday 20th July 2021

Last day of term for all children

Wednesday 21st July

Inset Day - School CLOSED to all children

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 and work in close collaboration to support the outcomes of young children across south and central Birmingham. Our Executive Head Teacher, David Aldworth, is also responsible for Allens Croft Nursery School in Kings Heath and Shenley Fields Nursery School in Northfield/ Bartley Green. More information about



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our innovative federation can be found here: [BFMNS - Home \(sch.life\)](https://www.birminghamnurseryschools.co.uk/)

Parent Volunteers

We are currently seeking parents to join our steering group as we embark on the path towards achieving the

UNICEF 'Rights Respecting School Gold Award'. If you are interested in taking an active role or wish to find out more, please speak to Janine.

Change of INSET (Teacher Training) day

We have made a change to our 'Inset Dates'. Please note that the inset day has moved from the 7th June 2021 to 5th July 2021. We will, therefore now open as normal to children on 7th June 2021 but be closed to all children on Monday 5th July 2021.

Our Social Media and Website



Please 'like' and 'share' our Facebook page - "Jakeman "

Twitter @JakemanSchool

@jakeman_nursery_shcool

Our website address is: www.jakeman.bham.sch.uk

If you use text and keep us updated with your mobile telephone number we will also send you reminders or urgent information by text.



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

Very best wishes from the whole Jakeman team.

