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NEWSLETTER - SPRING TERM 2021

Dear Parents and Carers,

Welcome to our second newsletter of the 2020-2021 academic year. Whether you and your child are new to us, or returning after the autumn term, we offer you a warm welcome. The children are already settling in incredibly well and have begun 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 effectively. This is also quality 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.

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 on going home routines. The doors will open 5 minutes before the end of the 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. We offer Breakfast Club from 8.30am-9:00am and Afterschool Provision from 3:00pm - 3:30pm as an option.

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 your s/he is unwell.

Well Done to all our children 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.

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).

COVID-19

On Monday 22nd February the government published a road map that they hope will lead to the wider opening of society. We must however, continue to be vigilant in reducing the spread of coronavirus.

Please continue to follow the guidance set out in our parent handbook. We will continue to update our risk assessments in line with government guidance. Let's all continue to do our part to keep you, your child and our staff team safe.

NURSERY PLACES 2021

Do you have a child who will have his/ her 3rd birthday between 1st September 2021 and 31st August 2022? If so you may be entitled to a free full or part-time place at Nursery. Please fill in a waiting list form from the Nursery Office or complete the waiting list form on our website - www.jakeman.bham.sch.uk

EARLY EDUCATION ENTITLEMENT

If you have a child who will be aged 2 before 1st September 2021, they may be eligible for a 2 year funded place. Please speak to our admin office here at Jakeman for the funding criteria or complete the waiting list form available on our website – www.jakeman.bham.sch.uk

RECEPTION PLACES FOR PRIMARY SCHOOL

If you made an application by the appropriate deadline, you will be informed of your child's primary place on FRIDAY 16th APRIL 2021.

If you have not applied for a primary school place, please speak to the Office Manager as soon as possible who will support you the online process.

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. Please ask for further information, if needed.

CLOTHES

The Spring term is here and we already beginning to see opportunities to be outside more where we support children to explore the natural environment. This means getting messy! This is an important part of childhood and early learning. Getting 'hands-on' with resources is the best way to learn, develop an understanding of the world and build descriptive language.

Please put your child's name in ALL items of clothing, including shoes, coats, bags and lunch boxes. We can see a lot of children during a day. Returning unnamed clothes is a virtually impossible task therefore. Please remember that our 'hands on' exploratory curriculum can be very messy. 'Best' clothes are, therefore, to be kept at home.

Children in 'little' and 'big' nursery 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.

SPRING TERM CURRICULUM NEWS

Personal Social and Emotional Development

Now the children are settled they will become the 'nursery experts' and will be ready to support new children starting nursery this Summer term, inviting them to play, modelling how to use the tools and supporting them with the daily routine.

We will be learning about how we can keep ourselves safe at nursery and when we are not at school eg, road safety, stranger danger, the NSPCC 'pants rule' and people who can help us.

Children have been exploring 'The Colour Monster' by Anna Llenas. This enables children to talk about their feeling and know adults listen to them. (Article 12 of the UN Convention on the Rights of the Child - You have the right to give your opinion and for adults listen and to take it seriously).



Children's language:

'I have a night light because I'm scared of the dark'

'My feelings are all mixed up'

'I'm calm, I do good breathing'

PHYSICAL DEVELOPMENT

Children are developing their physical skills and we are continuing to support their independence by encouraging them to have a 'can do' attitude.

We provide pre-writing 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.

We will be planting this term using gross motor movements and learning how to keep ourselves healthy.

COMMUNICATION & LANGUAGE

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

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

We have an 'Early Years Language Champion' as part of our staff team who is supporting interventions for children who require a little additional support with their speech and language development. We extend children's language opportunities through careful planning in a communication friendly environment.

LITERACY

We have become really good at recognising our names during registration and we can often recognise letters and sounds in our friend's names. This term we will be thinking of rhyming words and other words that start with the same phoneme (alliteration).

When we have story time, 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.

Children are linking their thoughts through drawings such as drawing the 'Colour Monster'.



'My feelings are all mixed up'

MATHEMATICS

Children have been learning to count using their counting finger to find the total amount. We will be learning how to match the amount to the correct numeral and discussing the meaning of zero and the same.

We will be learning the names of 2D shapes and 3D shapes in the environment and how we might use them in our play as we build and construct.

Teachers will be supporting children's use of real number through practical experience such as measuring and caring for plants, using role play scenarios such as the home corner and playing shop.

UNDERSTANDING OF THE WORLD

This term we will be looking at how people celebrate Chinese New Year. Children will have the opportunity to see a real-life traditional Lion Dance, learning about the Chinese culture, try some new foods and learn some Chinese words.

After February half term we will be looking at how people celebrate Easter, starting with Pancake day and learning about lent.

Children will be planting and learning about how vegetables grow, using produce grown in the Summer term for cooking (linking to our continued work around the 'Health for Life' Award)

As we move towards the Summer term we will be celebrating Eid with our children.

EXPRESSIVE ARTS AND DESIGN

In our outdoor Studio we will develop clay skills, independent paint mixing, natural collage artwork and our experience of observational drawings. These skills we enable children to express their ideas and thoughts through various forms of media.

Last term the children showed a strong interest in the character of the 'Big Bad Wolf' from the story of 'Little Red Riding Hood'. Many children have chosen to cook a variety of hearty dishes for him to keep his tummy full! To end the term, the teaching staff performed a

pantomime for the children based on the Big Bad Wolf.

This term the children will have the opportunity to work together to act out narratives and create their own stories.

HEALTH FOR LIFE AWARD:

Children will learn about healthy foods and the effect they have on their bodies. Children will begin planting in early spring and be responsible for taking care of the plants they grow so these can be harvested in the summer term.



RIGHTS RESPECTING SCHOOL AWARD:

Children will be 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 that form our 'Child Rights Respecting Steering Group' are displayed in the entrance of both our buildings. 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 fundraise for 'WasteAid'; part of the school's outright campaign. **Article 29** 'You have the right to an education which develops and nurtures your talents and helps protect the environment'. We will be fund raising for 'World Book Day'. All proceeds will be passed to the 'Books for Africa' initiative that supports all children 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. Please see the policies/ documents tab of our website to learn more - www.jakeman.bham.sch.uk

Our 'Rights Respecting Steering Group' are doing a great job in helping our new to nursery children 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!

HOT OF THE PRESS!

We are moving towards our GOLD Rights Respecting School Award in June 2021.

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) Lead DSL

Janine Maidment (Senior Nursery Manager) DSL & Mental Health First Aider



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 Tapestry at the moment, please speak to your key teacher.

LUNCH BOXES

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

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

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.

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

READING – BEDTIME STORY CHALLENGE

Children have taken part in a 10-week bedtime story challenge over the Autumn term. Well done to all the children and parents for taking part, we hope to have another 10-week bedtime story challenge in the Summer term with new stories.

HEALTHY SCHOOL

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 the 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. 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 obviously be catered for.

We have healthy lunch box ideas leaflets, please ask for one of these at reception.

NURSERY COMMUNICATION WITH PARENTS

COVID-19 has forced many changes in the way we work with our parents. In normal circumstances parents and carers are fully involved and welcomed in daily school life and we can't wait until life resumes to some normality to be able to have parents back in school.

Until then we plan to offer parents opportunities to meet with teachers outside in the fresh air this term to discuss their child's learning in a safe well managed environment.

We will be holding fortnightly galleries outside of school so you can see what your child has been up to.

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

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

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

Wednesday 10th February 2021-Chinese New Year

Friday 12th February- I Love You Day

Wednesday 3rd March- World Book Day-All Children to Dress Up.

Thursday 2nd April to the 19th April 2021 Easter Break Begins

GOVERNING BOARD

Information about our Governing Body including the current members, can be found on our Website. Jakeman is 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/ Bartley Green.

POLICIES AND SAFEGUARDING

If you see anything that concerns you regarding children's well-being, please let us know. Safeguarding is of the utmost importance to us. We also have a full set of the necessary policies including safeguarding and child protection. Please ask to see them if you wish or you can read them on our website - www.jakeman.bham.sch.uk.

eSafety is constantly in the news and of growing importance to us all as many children are spending more time online than ever before during the pandemic. 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

PARENT VOLUNTEERS

We are currently seeking parents to join our UNICEF Rights Respecting School Steering Group as we embark on the exciting journey towards achieving the 'Gold Award'. If you are interested in taking an active role or wish to find out more, please speak to either Janine Maidment (Senior Nursery Manager) or Charlotte Carter (Qualified Teacher).

MOBILE PHONES

Part of our policy means 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.

CHANGE OF INSET (STAFF 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. The school will be closed on this day.

SOCIAL MEDIA & WEBSITE



Please 'like' and 'share' our 'Jakeman' Facebook page and other social media outlets

Twitter @JakemanSchool

Instagram @jakeman_nursery_school

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

Other notices can be found on our screen in the entrance to nursery and on regular newsletters given by your child's key workers at the end of the school day. If you use text and keep us updated with your mobile telephone number, we will also send you reminders or urgent information by text.

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

Very best wishes from the whole team at Jakeman.

