



JACK AND JILL PLAYGROUP

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NEWSLETTER - AUTUMN

TERM 1

Dear Parents

A warm welcome to all our new children and their families who have started with us in September and onwards. All the children have settled, well done everyone for adapting to the routines and guidelines we have in place resulting from the coronavirus pandemic which have included children entering playgroup independently and lots of handwashing!

Thank you for supporting us and your children following these new routines on drop off and pick-up, they are now well established. Can I take this opportunity to remind parents to social distance outside while waiting or engaging with staff, face coverings must always be worn, and hand gel will be provided on entry.

Please consider our neighbours driveways, garden areas when parking and waiting outside.

Last day of term is Thursday 22nd October`20 and we return on Tuesday 3rd November`20.

PARENTS OPEN MORNING - CHILD REPORTS

We will be closed on Monday 2nd November`20 to all children. Usually this would be a day that parents could meet with their child`s keyperson to discuss children`s progress. Instead parents will be sent a report which outlines their child`s progress and achievements over the past term.

During this difficult time of COVID19 we want to build positive, secure links with home so any information we share is important. If any parents/carers have any worries however small about their child settling, their report or wish to discuss their child`s progress with their key person please do not hesitate to telephone or email.

LEARNING AND PLAY OPPORTUNITIES - HAVING FUN!

I know it may seem initially very chaotic and loud with lots and lots of very young children that are learning to trust and be left with complete strangers (us) after a long period at home during lock down which has been quite bewildering for some! This first term your child`s key person

will concentrate on getting to know your child, what they like playing and watching how they play, we do this through providing lots of creative, physical and challenging activities but also importantly, talking and listening to your child. Simple boundaries and routines will be learnt alongside being more independent and practicing those social and communication skills that are needed to play with their peers in a group setting.

We provide fun activities to celebrate the change of seasons, traditions, and festivals such as Harvest Festival, Halloween, Guy Fawkes, Diwali as we progress through the terms.



LITTLE URCHINS - PHOTOGRAPHY - TUESDAY - 10th NOVEMBER`20

Your children`s photo`s will be taken during session by a Little Urchins Photographer who will work within our COVID19 safety guidance while on site. Unfortunately, this year we can not invite our children or siblings that do not attend on this day to come in for photo`s. We are hoping next year with some normality that we will have another opportunity. All photo orders and payments will be online this year and handled by Little Urchins, information will go to parents.



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BBC CHILDREN IN NEED APPEAL - PUDSEY BEAR WEEK - 9-15th November`20

The coronavirus pandemic has left children all over the UK with all sorts of stress and hardship to deal with, we would like to support this charity and will be holding Pudsey Bear activities and fund events throughout the week of 9-15th November to raise funds for this appeal. Children can wear Pudsey Bear themed costumes, Superhero or Disney themed dress all week, donations will be collected on the gate.



AGM - Annual General Meeting 2020 - Parents Information

Each year we hold an AGM at the setting with parents in attendance to discuss the past years events and to ensure that parents have an opportunity to understand how we meet the legal and statutory requirements of our playgroup constitution. Part of this process would be to agree that the previous year's minutes reflect practice, ensure the summary of accounts has been audited and are accepted as a true financial account alongside the voting in and out of committee officer positions.

Unfortunately, once again due to the COVID19 circumstances we have been unable to hold or vote at a meeting in the usual way. I have attached a copy of last year's minutes, 2019 audited accounts and Treasurers report for all parents to view. I suggest that committee members remain the same this year unless there is an objection. If parents could read and confirm that they have received, read, and approved these or address any queries by email, this should fulfil our requirements for this year. I will then file the accounts with the Charity's Commission for this year before the 31st October`20. Thank you in advance for your support.



HEALTHY LUNCH BOXES

We would like to continue with Jack and Jill's commitment to ensuring we are offering your children healthier food choices within our setting and informing and supporting parents in making healthier lunch box choices. Many of you will have received a leaflet in your registration packs that explain what is meant by `healthier lunch boxes`, making small changes even to the sizing of portions, less sweet more savoury items makes a difference. No sweets, no chocolate spread, no nuts including peanut butter and no drinks please. **Kindly name your child's lunchbox on the outside, really helps when there are several of the same boxes.**



HEALTH INFORMATION

Due to COVID19, we are being extra cautious and only allowing children (and staff) that are healthy and symptom free of coughs, colds, runny noses or any other normal childhood illness or viruses to attend playgroup. This is a precaution against spreading to other children and staff. Please call in if your child is sick so we can record absences.

If parents or children begin **to display any coronavirus symptoms** however mild, stay home, follow government guidelines, information can be accessed on www.nhs.uk or call **NHS 119** who will tell you what to do and help you get a test. If your child has attended playgroup, please let us know immediately.

If a child is hurt during the session scrapes, bruises, bumped head we will follow our normal procedures of recording an accident, injury and incidents but will not ask the parent to sign at the end of the session instead we will notify you by text or telephone. Please remain contactable during your child's session.

Head Lice and **Ringworm**. These are common childhood ailments but are contagious so please treat immediately with the recommended products or processes and your child can return to playgroup once treated. If you also let us know confidentially if your child has these, as it allows us to keep updated about what is currently affecting our children. Please ask if you need further information on these, we have leaflets.



CHANGING BAGS - CLOTHING FOR EVERYONE



Please provide a change of clothes in a named bag which can be kept on your child's peg or underneath that includes a complete change of clothing, footwear, cheap plimsolls/slippers are fine including socks and underwear. We have a physical, messy, and sometimes wet in/outdoor environment which the children have free excess to all year round and sometimes they need changing for various reasons. We do not keep spare clothing.

This may be inconvenient, but we will now be contacting parents if we do not have suitable clothing to change your child.

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WEBSITE

Lots of information is published on our website address: www.thejackandjillplaygroup.co.uk.
Such as current newsletters and events, term dates and photos of your children at play.
Parents are also able to contact us on a quick contact form.

SESSION TIMES

For the time being session times remain as follows:

AM 9:00AM TO 11:30AM

PM 12:30 TO 3:00PM

*THANK YOU FOR YOUR SUPPORT, WE CONTINUED TO DO OUR VERY BEST TO
ENSURE THIS IS SAFE AND HAPPY PLACE FOR YOUR CHILDREN TO LEARN AND PLAY
DURING THESE DIFFICULT TIMES*

HAVE A GREAT $\frac{1}{2}$ TERM EVERYONE

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