



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 after the summer break. All the children have settled with little tears, well done everyone! If any parents/carers old or new have any worries however about their child settling, please do not hesitate to speak directly to your child's key person, they will introduce themselves to you. We want to build positive, secure links with home so any information you share is important!

LEARNING AND PLAY OPPORTUNITIES - HAVING FUN!

I know it may seem very chaotic and loud initially, but we have lots of young children that are learning to trust and be left with complete strangers (us), 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.

BREAKFAST CLUB - A LITTLE REMINDER THAT WE DO HAVE A DROP IN BREAKFAST CLUB AVAILABLE 8:00AM TO 8:30AM IF YOU NEED US! £3:50 NO BOOKING REQUIRED.



HARVEST FESTIVAL - Food Bank Donation

Each year we like to help those that are experiencing food poverty in our community and as part of our Autumn and Harvest Festival activities and our charitable aims of sharing and helping others we are organising a Food Bank Collection.

We will place a box at the entrance if parents would like to contribute an item from home, please send in with your child. Example: Tin goods, dry goods, rice, pasta, cereals etc (in date and sealed). Thank you.

Health Visitor

Every child under the age of 5 has a Health Visitor. If parents have any concerns about their child's health and development, you can call the Health Visitor service who can undertake an age-appropriate developmental check and give advice. They can be contacted via 0300 123 3444.



HEALTHY PACKED LUNCHES

Jack and Jill's are committed to ensuring we are offering your children healthier food choices within our setting and informing and supporting parents in making healthier lunch box choices. A copy of this was included in your registration pack. As a guideline a light lunch with small sandwich, wrap, fruit, yoghurt or a home cooked meal which we are happy to warm through. No drinks as we supply water, milk or sugar free squash, no chocolate spread, no sweets, no chocolate bars, no nuts.



NO MOBILE PHONE ZONE - PLEASE PUT THEM AWAY



Just a reminder to all parents, to please finish your phone calls before entering the playgroup setting to collect your children. All phone calls should be finished before entering the walled area at the entrance gate. All staff have been asked to politely ask you to stand back behind the wall to finish your call before collecting your child. This is part of our safeguarding policy to protect all children in our care from either unintentional or intentional recording of other children without parent's permission. Thank you.



HEALTH INFORMATION

This is the season for illness colds, flu and stomach bugs! Please keep your child off playgroup for 48 hours from the last bout if it is sickness and diarrhoea. This is a precaution against spreading to other children and staff.

Reminder to parents that it is our policy not to administer prescription drugs or general over the counter medication to children unless they are part of an agreed care plan e.g. asthma pumps, insulin, epi-pen.

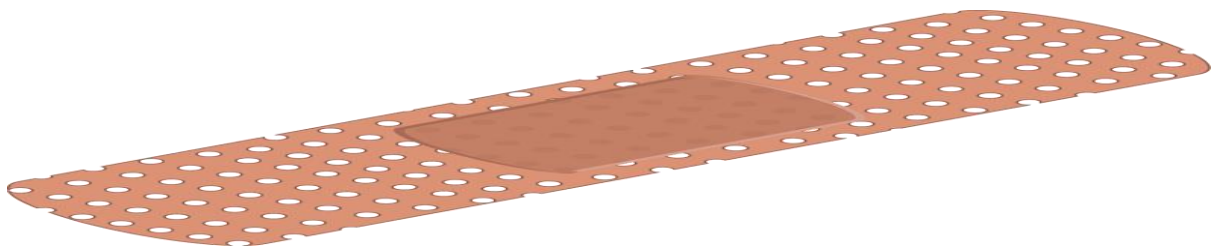
Colds, runny noses are never ending and are fine at playgroup - we have plenty of tissues and we encourage children to cover mouths. Please do not send child in if they have a temperature or if you are having to dose with paracetamol

before session (this should only be used to lower temperature) or if your child is generally unwell - if we must nurse them and they are not playing then we will ring you for them to be collected.

Head Lice and Ringworm. These are common childhood ailments but are infectious, contagious etc 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.

Accident Reporting

We try and let parents know by text of all bumps, scrapes and accidents it may seem a little constant as we use the park and outside play areas which have challenging surfaces. All accidents are recorded. All head injuries and those that have impact we will call and inform parents.



Annual General Meeting (AGM)

Monday 12th October`26

Meeting at 8:30am

All parents/carers are welcome to join our committee, our playgroup is a registered charity, and it is essential for the stability and long-term future of the group that we have parents on the committee to take responsibility for employment and business matters. We need as many parents to attend as possible, meeting will take approximately 30 minutes, and we would appreciate your support.

If you are interested, please speak to Delia/Sally. Thank you.



LITTLE URCHINS - PHOTOGRAPH - Tuesday 10th November`26

Photos are being taken of all children on this day that attend session and photographer will be here until 11:30am. If this is not your child`s session they are welcome to have their photo taken and with siblings just pop them in before 11:30am. The children not in session are the responsibility of parents.



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 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. Kindly return all lent clothing

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

CHANGE OVER TIMES- COLLECTIONS AND ARRIVALS

Particularly as this is a new term and we are getting to know lots of new parent/carers. Please make sure you tell us of any changes to authorise collections, we have a collection book to record changes. Make sure you ask authorised person collecting your child to make themselves known to the staff on the gate, state who they are collecting and give the password. While we are getting to know the many faces, you may be challenged!

PARENTS OPEN MORNING - MONDAY 2ND NOVEMBER` 26

Invites with details of the parents open morning will go out before the end of term and will be an opportunity for parents to discuss their child`s settling and progress with key person. **Playgroup will be closed for childcare on this day.**



DONATIONS OF UNWANTED TOYS

If you are having a clear out of children`s toys that are in good condition for inside or out, please consider donating to us. No soft toys please. We will make good use of them and recycle what we can`t use.

Also, any donations of old tea towels/towels are handy, we have lots of spills.

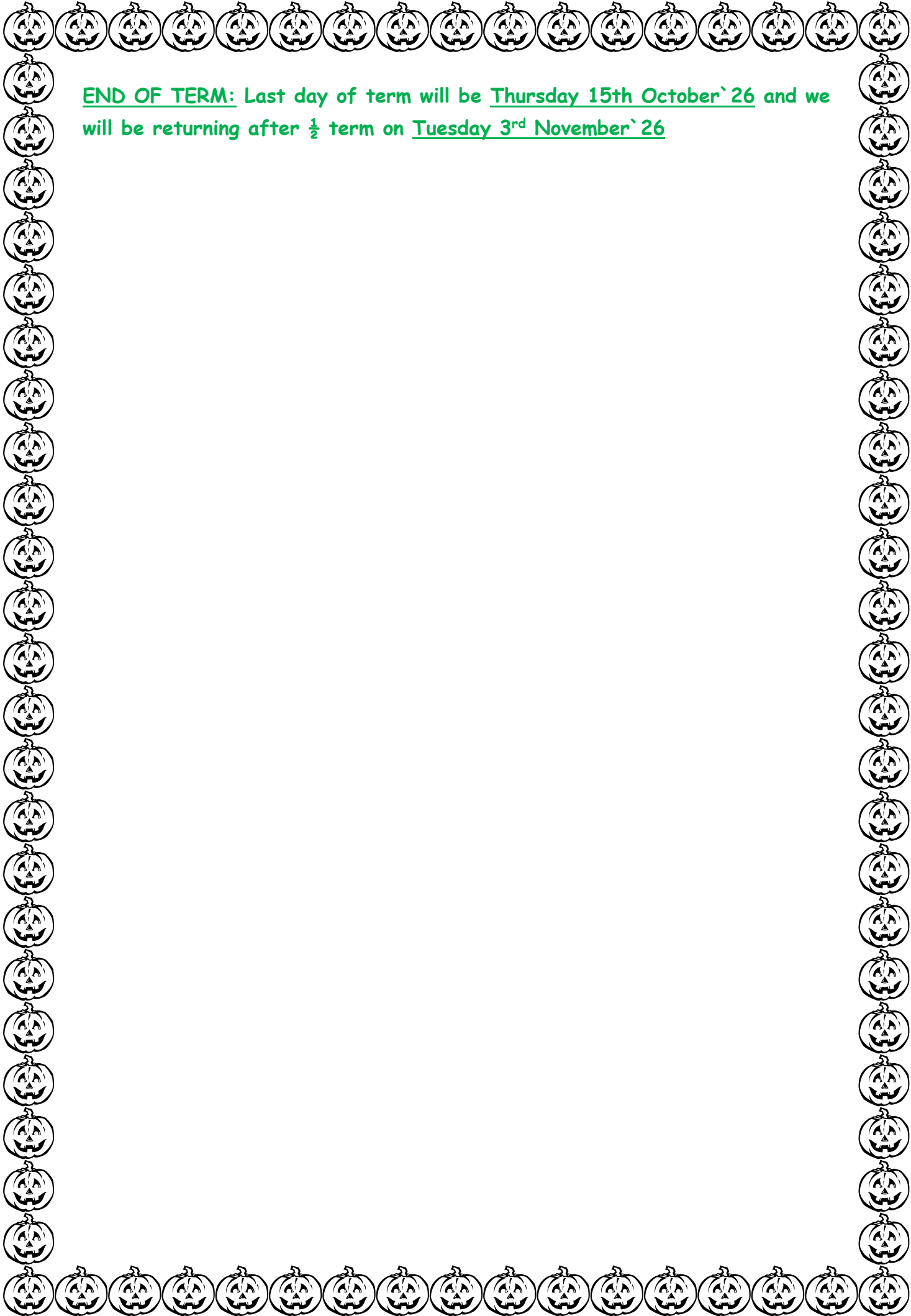
We would be grateful for snack/dry food (vegetarian please), fruit donations for children`s snack if you have spare in shopping too! Thank you.



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Thank you for your continued support!

Delia/Sally

A decorative border of pumpkins with carved faces surrounds the text. The pumpkins are arranged in a rectangular frame, with 15 pumpkins on each of the top and bottom edges, and 14 pumpkins on each of the left and right edges.

END OF TERM: Last day of term will be Thursday 15th October`26 and we will be returning after  $\frac{1}{2}$  term on Tuesday 3<sup>rd</sup> November`26