



JACK AND JILL PLAYGROU**P**

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NEWSLETTER - AUTUMN TERM 1&2

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 very little tears, well done everyone! If any parents/carers old or new have any worries however small 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 and lots of very 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.

LITTLE URCHINS - PHOTOGRAPHY - TUESDAY - 12th NOVEMBER`19

Your children`s photo`s will be taken during session by Little Urchins Photographers but you are welcome to bring your child if it is not their regular session and any siblings, if you would like them to have a photo together. If it is **not your child`s normal session** then they remain your responsibility while in the setting, as the session will be running as normal. Poster will be up nearer the time.

PARENTS OPEN MORNING - FRIDAY - 15th NOVEMBER`19

Invites with details of the parents open morning will go out shortly. This is an opportunity for parents to come in and speak with your child`s keyperson about their progress and how well they have settled. Playgroup will be **closed for the day**.

FEES

Invoicing for fees will go out to parent`s within the first two weeks of term. This will inform parents of how much their fees are until the end of term. **However, fees must not be more**

than 2 weeks in arrears which is stated very clearly in our Fees Policy on registration. Parents will continue to receive invoices until fee payments are kept up to date.

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. Please name Lunch Boxes on the outside, so much easier when we have 30 something lunches to identify. Thank you.

SEVERE WEATHER NOTICE

We will **only shut** after we consider the safety of opening the setting on the day, how many staff are able to travel and if the playgroup can be sufficiently heated!

The playgroup mobile will be left on for contact and please listen to local radio for updates. Please make sure we have a **current mobile telephone number** for emergencies. Thank you.



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. 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 of infection.

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.

WANTED COMMITTEE MEMBERS

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. If you are interested, please speak to Delia/Sally. A list of our current committee members is displayed on the parent board. Thank you.



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 - we have nothing left!


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

Can we ask parents not to linger too long once their child is in play or settled with a key person, as sometimes this has become unsettling for children that are already playing. Main gate will be locked at 9:15am. Please try not to engage staff in long conversations at the gate as they can become distracted and we need to check unauthorised access. If you need to pick up earlier for an appointment please can you speak to Delia/Sally and we ask that if it is near the 3:00pm, then if pick up can be done at 2:45pm which prevents disruption to end of session. Thank you for your support with this.

As this is a new playgroup year and we are getting to know lots of new parent/carers. Please make sure you tell us of any changes to authorised 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!

Reminder please **no buggies inside** playrooms, they can be left with staff in outside covered area to be watched, simply not enough room and becomes very congested. For the same reason we ask that older siblings to stay outside but can stay within the grounds with staff who will



supervise. Please reminder older children that the outside play equipment is not for playing on.
Thank you for your support.

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.

