

The Jays Day Care Nursery

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Summer Newsletter 2007

Dear parents/Carers,

Summer clothing

Once the warmer weather is with us, could you please make sure your child has all of the following items everyday:-

- Full change of clothes
- Short sleeved T-shirt (for wet play)
- Sun hat
- Jumper/sweatshirt

We would also ask you to make sure that ALL T-shirts and dresses have a sleeve (either short or long) as the shoulders are very vulnerable to the sun. Please could you ensure that ALL items are clearly labelled.

Water bottles

The Frogs and Tadpoles are encouraged to bring in a bottle of water, this is to help with their concentration but please note:

- The water must be in bottles with a pull up and push down sports type lid.
- The bottles will only contain water.
- The bottle needs to be clearly labeled with your child's name.
- The children need to take their bottle home daily to be refilled.

Sun Cream

The Nursery provides sun cream for ALL the children, all we ask is that you make a one off payment of £2. This will be added to you June invoice. If your child requires a special type of sun cream then we would request that you bring this in (**labeled**) and let a member of staff know. This can then be noted for all to know. We will apply sun cream each time the children go outside to play; this could be 2-3 times a day.

Gates

As the nicer weather approaches the children will be spending a lot more time outside, so when you come to drop off/collect your children can you please make sure the gates are securely shut behind you. Also, please could you refrain from allowing you child to climb the gate on departure as they are NOT allowed to do it when they play outside during the day in our care. It is giving them mixed messages as to what is allowed and what is not. Thank you.

Signing In/Out

As mentioned previously, it is an OFSTED requirement that your child must be signed in and out of the Nursery. In order to keep your children safe, please could you remember to do this very important job in the morning and when you pick them up, thank you!!! The 'signing-in' sheet is positioned in the main room as you walk in and out.

BITTAFORD HILL

We have had complaints from Bittaford Residents that, on occasion's, driveways along Bittaford Hill, particularly 'The Old Post Office', have been used for pulling in to allow other cars to pass. The residents do understand that, on occasions, this may be necessary but would ask that due respect and courtesy be shown as, unfortunately, they have experienced some verbal abuse from people using Bittaford Hill. We are all aware of the problems regarding Bittaford Hill, and would ask that you help us to keep on good terms with our Neighbours. Many Thanks.

The Jays 12th Birthday Tea Party- Friday 20th July 2007

We will be celebrating our 12th Birthday Tea Party and our theme is 'The Jungle'. The children that will be leaving to start school in September will be performing at the party. The Tea Party will start at 5pm. It is a great opportunity to meet and greet your children's friends and family and have a look around the Nursery. It is also an opportunity to talk informally to the staff that care for your children. As usual we would like you to help in providing us with a delicious Summer Banquet. You will be provided with a paper plate that can be filled with lovely food. This is a very popular and social event so please do come and soak up the atmosphere.

Room changes and Price increases

We intend to change the room age groups to fit in with the new statutory maternity leave which is at present 9 months (39 weeks) which we understand will be extended to 52 weeks shortly. This means that the babies will not be starting until they are much older - in line with this we will gradually be changing the room ages over the next few months to: -

The Baby Room	-	3 months to 2 years
Toddler Room	-	2 years to 3 years
Pre-school	-	3 and 4 year olds

We anticipate this taking a few months to be fully up and running, therefore, some children will move up to the next group slightly earlier than this to accommodate numbers as and when.

This will mean that the fees will be age related and as from September the fees will be as follows: -

Baby Room		Toddler Room		Pre-School Room	
(3 - 24 months)		(25 - 36 months)		(3 and 4 year olds)	
Weekly:	£155	Weekly:	£149	Weekly:	£140
Daily:	£32	Daily:	£31	Daily:	£29
Session:	£21	Session:	£20	Session:	£19

Penalty payment: £10 per 15 minutes

Please note we will be unable to do swap days as from September. A change of day will be classed as an extra day and can only be accommodated if a space is available.

New Build

Once again planning was refused for the New Build Project. I am currently in negotiations with the Landlord and will let you know the outcome as and when I can.

Staff Changes

As you may be aware Kate has decided not to return to us after her maternity leave, and so we have taken on Jacqueline Bullock and Katie Wilkins temporarily on a part time basis. I am pleased to announce that Sam and Dave had a little girl Georgia and all is well and hopefully Sam shall be returning to work in the not too distant future. Vicki has gone on Maternity Leave and her baby is due early June, we wish her well. We have also said goodbye to Emma, our cook, who has moved to Manchester with her family. We wish them all the best in their new home and jobs.

Cooks Job

We have advertised for a new cook. The hours are 5 per day to cover the lunch time period Monday to Friday. Job share will be considered. Hours can be adjusted slightly to fit in with school. Should you know of anyone who may be interested, please could you point them in our direction. Many thanks.

Sainsbury's Active Kids Vouchers & Tesco Computer Vouchers

Many thanks to everyone for collecting the vouchers for us. We are in the process of counting them up and will let you know what we have purchased at a later date.

Jacqui's Marathon - Update

Thank you everyone for your sponsorship. I had a fantastic day and completed it and am now looking forward to the next time.

Theme for Tadpoles and Frog this term

'Stories' - This half term we have been looking at stories. Thank you for allowing your children to bring in teddies and pictures of your homes. It's been a very successful and enjoyable half term. The next half term our them will be 'The Jungle'. This will be part of the theme for the tea party - more details to follow.

Please have a look at our website - www.thejaysdaycarenursery.co.uk where details of our activities, and other useful information, can be accessed.

Dates for your diary

May	Monday 28 th	Bank Holiday - CLOSED
June		Leavers Trip to the Zoo - details to follow as consent forms will need to be signed
July	Friday 20 th	The Jays 12 th Birthday Tea Party Leavers Performance and Presentation
August	Monday 27 th	Bank Holiday - CLOSED

We would like to wish everyone a very happy and hot summer and hope you enjoy your much needed holidays.

Regards