

## Crawlers Newsletter December 2018/January 2019

### WELCOME

We hope you have all had a lovely Christmas and New Year and look forward to welcoming all the children back. We also have some new starters in the Crawlers room over next couple of weeks.

Last month the Crawlers had lots of fun with our Christmas themed activities and enjoyed a wonderful Christmas party with music, games and a delicious Christmas dinner and a special visit from Santa and his helper!

This month the Crawlers team are hoping to really get started with our family pictures in the Crawlers room. We would appreciate it if you could send in a few pictures of your children with family members or even pets! This will help us target People and Communities within our curriculum. You can email the pictures to [amieross@jigsawschildcare.co.uk](mailto:amieross@jigsawschildcare.co.uk) and Amie will print the pictures off and make a little book, you could also bring photos in for us to photocopy if this is easier.

### Parents Evening

There is a parents evening coming up on the 17<sup>th</sup> January. If you would like to book an appointment there will be a sheet going up on the door for you to put your name down or speak to Amie and she will help organise this for you for the Crawlers room.

### Forest Schools and Outdoor Learning

We are starting to do a big push on outdoor learning, the Crawlers children will be going out on a Wednesday morning. Becki will be leading outdoor learning and planning lots of exciting activities for children of all ages to be involved in such as flower finding and scavenger hunts. Children will need warm clothes, waterproof coat and boots as we will be out in all weathers. Please look out for a letter being sent home so we can get started as soon as possible. Any questions please contact [beckihaines@jigsawschildcare.co.uk](mailto:beckihaines@jigsawschildcare.co.uk)

Thank you, the Crawlers Team

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### ParentZone

We would love for more parents to be involved using Parent Zone, if you are unsure of how to use this a member of staff can help you. It is lovely to see pictures of what the children do at home, we would also love you to see all the lovely observations that are put on along with assessments.



ParentZone is an award winning smartphone app for parents. Parents can access information about their child's day at Jigsaws Childcare at a time that suits them best.

ParentZone promotes the partnership between parents and Jigsaws to provide two way communications.

The app can be downloaded via Google Play or the App Store on iPhone.

### DIARY DATES

Closed Bank Holidays: 19<sup>th</sup> April 2019, 22<sup>nd</sup> April 2019, 6<sup>th</sup> May 2019, 27<sup>th</sup> May 2019 and 26<sup>th</sup> August

Parents Evening 17<sup>th</sup> January 2019

Closed Monday 15<sup>th</sup> April Training Day

Tuesday 14<sup>th</sup> May Parents Evening

Friday 26<sup>th</sup> July Training Day Closed

Monday 2<sup>nd</sup> September new contracts start

Sunday 29<sup>th</sup> September OPEN EVENT time TBC

Thursday 3<sup>rd</sup> October Parents Evening

Monday 28<sup>th</sup> October Training Day Closed

Close for Christmas 12 noon 24<sup>th</sup> December

Closed Friday 3<sup>rd</sup> January Training Day

Open Monday 6<sup>th</sup> January 2020



## Staff News

We are happy to welcome back Becki from maternity leave who is now busy running Jigsaws Forest Schools and Outdoor learning programme.

## Nut Allergies

Just a reminder that we have children in the setting with allergies so please make sure any snacks or lunches that are sent in are nut free.

## **Home Learning Bags**

We have home learning bags for you to loan for 50p with activities for you to do at home. These are in the front reception area. Please ask your room supervisor if you wish to use one.

You can choose from four bags:

- Shape, size and pattern (Explorers and Discoverers)
- Numbers (Explorers and Discoverers)
- Reading and writing (Explorers and Discoverers)
- Heuristic Play (Crawlers and Explorers)



## Names in clothes please

Could we ask all parents to name clothes at Jigsaws at the moment a lot of children who have the same coats, hats and wellingtons.

## Important Safety Reminder

Please could we ask that all parents close and lock the front gate on the way in and out to keep the children safe. Thank you.

## **Jigsaws Session Start and Finish Time Reminder**

Please note that children who are due to start at 9am must not be brought in before this time. We have a duty of care to your children and cannot meet this if we do not have the correct amount of staff for the children on the premises outside of the booked times.

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## **Meet the Crawlers team**



Amie Ross  
Room Supervisor



Danni Heneachon  
Deputy Room Supervisor



Mags Akpoguma  
Practitioner



Laura Sanderson  
Practitioner

**Nicole Newiss – Operations Manager**

**Helen Smith – Business Manager**

**Are you looking for support with childcare costs?**

Childcare Choices brings together all the government childcare offers in one place for the first time. The new Childcare Choices website makes it easy to find out what's on offer.

Use the Childcare Calculator at [www.gov.uk/childcare-calculator](http://www.gov.uk/childcare-calculator) to see what offers are available to support you and your family.

To find out more about the new and existing offers, and how they can help you, go to the Childcare Choices website today at [www.childcarechoices.gov.uk](http://www.childcarechoices.gov.uk)