

Crawlers Newsletter August / September 2023

WELCOME

Last month we spent time getting to know our new children. We have enjoyed playing with them and encouraging them to interact with the staff and other children. We have also been very busy during over the summer revamping our room and introducing lots of new more natural resources which we hope the children will enjoy exploring.

This month we will continue to concentrate on getting to know our children and their families. If you are able to send in some family photos and share some information with us about what makes your family unique, this would be greatly appreciated.

This month in Forest Schools we will be concentrating on growing. Our forest school lead, Becki, has already started our 'high five' activity and we will continue to share pictures on Parentzone showing you all what the children are doing.

As the weather begins to become more changeable, please ensure that your children have clothes and footwear for all weathers to ensure we can still enjoy time outside.

Thank you, the Crawlers Team



DIARY DATES

Closed all Bank holidays (2024): 1st January, 29th March, 1st April, 6th May, 27th May, 26th August

Closed Training Days: 2nd January 2024, 26th July 2024

October Half Term Holiday Club: 30th October to 3rd November 2023

Christmas 2023: last day open Friday 22nd December—re-open Tuesday 2nd January 2024

Jigsaws Curriculum

This month we will be working on being a Fabulous Friend: To be kind and caring and have empathy with others. Play well with other and accept their ideas and values.

Parking at drop off and pick up from Jigsaws

We have received a request from parents not to park on Laurels Farm Drive when dropping children off or picking up from Jigsaws as it is causing issues with residents trying to get in and out of the estate and blocking visibility to oncoming traffic. Please try to use the White Horse car park where possible.

Also do not park on the zigzag yellow lines directly outside Jigsaws as this is prohibited.

Thank you.

Staff News

Congratulations to Laura Sanderson who has been promoted to Room Supervisor in the Discoverers Room. We wish her well in her new role and also with her studies as she works towards her Level 5.

Home Learning

We will be continuing with home learning this term as it is an important way to work in partnership with parents.

The home learning will be sent as a moment on ParentZone with information of what the children have been interested in during the week at Jigsaws. Each room supervisor will also send out a home learning activity for you to be involved in.

We would love for you to upload pictures with comments on for the practitioners in the room to see and link to the EYFS. By sending in these pictures and observations, it enables us to see what your child has been interested so we can continue their learning while they are at Jigsaws.

We thoroughly enjoy seeing what you have all been doing at home. We will be giving out good home learning certificates to selected children.

Important: Drop Off Times

A reminder that you should not drop children off before their start time; if your child is due to start at 9am they should not be dropped off before then as we will not have the correct amount of staff available. We are also unable to allow children into Jigsaws before 7.30am. Thank you.

Parents Guide to the EYFS

The "What to Expect When in the EYFS" guide is a highly visual guide designed to help families understand their child's learning and development in the EYFS. [What-to-expect-in-the-EYFS-complete-FINAL-16.09-compressed.pdf](https://www.foundationyears.org.uk/What-to-expect-in-the-EYFS-complete-FINAL-16.09-compressed.pdf) ([foundationyears.org.uk](https://www.foundationyears.org.uk))

Meet the Crawlers team



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