

Explorers Newsletter December 2018/January 2019

WELCOME

We welcome everyone back after a lovely Christmas and New Year . We hope everyone had a very festive and fun time. We also welcome a few new starters to the Explorers room.

Last month we looked at road safety and even went on a walk around the village talking about keeping safe when out with our families. We also enjoyed looking at all the Christmas lights in the village and a sing song around the Christmas tree. The children have had fun with our Christmas activities, learning new songs and being very creative. We also had a wonderful Christmas party with games and a delicious Christmas dinner and a special visit from Santa and his helper!

This month we will continue with the story train, the first book is Goldilocks and the Three Bears for the first two weeks and then after two weeks we will be looking at The Ant and the Grasshopper. We will also be working a lot on numbers 1 to 5, big and little, sharing and being kind.

We will also be focusing on Personal, Social and Emotional Development; making relationships, feelings - what makes us happy, sad, worried or cross and to be truthful and honest. We will be working on being imaginative and developing the children's imagination through play both indoor and out.

Can we ask for warm, named clothing,. Children will need hats, wellies and coats since we will be doing Forest School. During Forest School outdoor learning the Explorers are in the Willow group.

Can we also ask for home toys not to be brought In as this can cause upset between the children.

Thank you, the Explorers Team



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Parents Evening

Parents evening is on Thursday 17th January. Please look out for a sheet on the door of the room to book an appointment, or speak to a member of staff.

Forest Schools and Outdoor Learning

For the new year Jigsaws are excited to announce their new Forest Schools and Outdoor Learning curriculum with Becki taking the lead on the new programme. All children who attend the setting will have the opportunity to access Forest Schools. Parents will receive information soon on when their child is attending. Children will need warm clothes , water-proof coat and boots as we will be out in all weathers. Activities during the first week will include a scavenger hunt and flower finding. Any questions contact beckihaines@jigsawschildcare.co.uk

DIARY DATES

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

Parents Evening 17th January 2019

Closed Monday 15th April Training Day

Tuesday 14th May Parents Evening

Friday 26th July Training Day Closed

Monday 2nd September new contracts start

Sunday 29th September OPEN EVENT time TBC

Thursday 3rd October Parents Evening

Monday 28th October Training Day Closed

Close for Christmas 12 noon 24th December

Closed Friday 3rd January Training Day

Open Monday 6th January 2020

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

Staff News

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

Names in clothes please

Could we ask all parents to name clothes at Jigsaws at the moment a lot of children 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.

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)

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.

Also children need to be collected from Jigsaws before you collect children from school as the afternoon session ends

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Meet the Explorers



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Room Supervisor



Lorraine Briers
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Shannon Kaye
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Nicole Newiss – Operations Manager

Helen Smith – Business Manager

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