

## Discoverers Newsletter August / September 2023

### WELCOME

Hi all

We all had a fantastic summer, we hope you all did too. The Discoverers team: Laura, Linda, Donna and Amanda, have enjoyed welcoming everyone back after the holidays. We have been really busy over the summer during holiday club enjoying lots of fun activities. The children really enjoying our glitter tattoo morning and our world cup football day. The children also enjoyed some Forest school activities lead by Becki which the children are continuing to take part in each week.

The weather hasn't been the best over the summer holidays, but we managed to get outside as much as possible which the children love, especially playing in the sandpit and building with the large construction resources.

Over the last couple of weeks, the Discoverers team have been changing the room, putting up new displays which consist of showing a lot of the children's amazing work and putting out new resources for the children to enjoy playing with; we hope they really enjoy these.

This month we are going to be looking at 'our families' and 'the community'. We will be talking with the children about people who live with us and places they might visit in the community. We will be able to go on a walk around the village to see the places the children have visited. This month we have started 'star of the day' which is going to continue throughout the year. At the end of each day, 1 or 2 children will be chosen if they have done something amazing that day, whether it's 'great sharing', 'good listening' or something else, a few children have already received this. We have also started a new reward chart, where the children will work together as a team to collect 20 marbles, once the jar is full the children will receive a team prize.

Thanks, the Discoverers Team



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### 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

For September our curriculum focus is Maths Wizard. To enjoy and investigate maths in all areas of play. To be able to stretch your knowledge, see patterns and not be afraid to try.

Each morning the children are in three smaller groups where we will be doing some focused maths activities.

### Parking at drop off and pick up from Jigsaws

We have received a request for 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/16.09-compressed.pdf) ([foundationyears.org.uk](https://www.foundationyears.org.uk))

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## Meet the Discoverers team



Laura Sanderson  
Room Supervisor  
Level 3, undertaking level 5



Linda Ross  
QTS



Donna Poskitt  
QTS Early Years  
Teacher



Amanda Walker  
EYE Level 3 Apprentice

**Amie Ross— Operations Manager**

**Helen Smith- Business Manager**

**Rebecca Sharp — Deputy Manager/Outdoor Learning Lead**

**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.

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