

Investigators Newsletter August / September 2023

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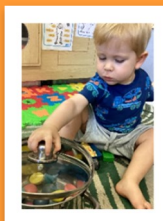
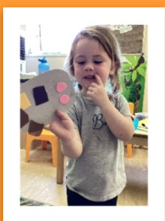
Hello all!

We enjoyed a wonderful summer of fun here at Jigsaws. We enjoyed lots of fun activities such as tie dying tote bags, water fun days, baking competitions and lots more! Some of our children enjoyed some time off with their families and we are looking forward to welcoming them back to Jigsaws.

Throughout September, we will be focusing on the themes of All About Me and colour. We will look at our faces and learn more about our emotions together as well as about our families and who we live with. We will focus sometime on practicing our colours and learning how they mix together to make new colours. We will also look at some different art and create some art pieces together.

If you are able to provide your child with a water bottle with their name on it, this makes it easier for them access water whenever they like. If this isn't possible we will provide a bottle .

The Investigators 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

The focus for September is to be Imaginative and Expressive: Use your imagination and develop imaginative play. Feel confident to express your independence and own ideas through various mediums.

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.

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))

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.

Meet the Investigators team



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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 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