

James Lee Nursery Spring Newsletter 2 2018



We hope you a lovely half term break.

It's nice to see the children settling well into their school routine and making new friendships. You can find a copy of this newsletter and lots of other information – including school term dates on our Federation website www.bjlfed.lbhf.sch.uk Paper copies are also available at reception.

Curriculum Planning:

We do not have a planned topic each term. At James Lee we prefer "Planning in the Moment" and focus more on child initiated play. Please see the board in the entrance hall for more information or speak to your child's keyworker.

School Clothing:

An important part of the EYFS curriculum is for children to explore and learn through play. This means that children will be involved in many different and **often messy** sensory experiences both inside and outside the classroom. Bearing this in mind please ensure children are suitably dressed in clothes that can get messy.



Please remember to check your child's change of clothes bag **at the end of each day** to see if it needs topping up.

Note: Please put your child's name in their clothing.

Labelling your child's clothing

Could we ask all parents to label their children's clothing in particular coats, hats, scarfs and gloves. As you can appreciate it can be very difficult to keep track of 60 coats, 60 hats, 60 scarfs and 120 gloves!! Could you also ensure your child has spare socks in their bag.

Book Lending Library:

Please remember to choose a book with your child to take home and read together.

We also have an excellent selection of books in home languages.

School Lunch:

Please pay lunch money on Monday mornings for the week ahead. Lunch is £1.80 per day, £9 per week. If you wish to pay in advance for a term or half a term, please see Marie who can advise you of the amount. You can also pay online and view your account balance by logging into your School Money account. If you are having problems accessing your account please see Marie at reception.

Thank you to all who completed the "Waste Man" activity.

Please come and see our eco display in the Green Room.

Breakfast club / Friday Crèche

Breakfast club runs from 8- 9am and cost £3.50 per session. Crèche is on Fridays from 12.30 - 2.45pm and costs £7.50 per session.

Priority goes to working/studying parents. If you book a place for the Crèche or Breakfast Club and need to cancel please give us 24 hours' notice or you will still be charged.

Scooters and Buggies:

Please place scooters in the scooter shed as neatly as possible as space is limited.
Please write your child's name on their scooter. Please take buggies home with you as we have very limited space.

Thank You.

Monday Singalong sessions!

Our sing-a-long sessions have now started and the children are really involved and exercising their vocal chords! If you are able to come along then please do, siblings also welcome! Sessions are every Monday at 2.20pm.

James Lee Eco Mugs

Eco mugs are on sale for £6.50 each. The money raised will be used to purchase a plant pot with the school's Eco Logo on it which will be displayed at the school entrance.

Lateness

Children have been arriving and being collected late. The school gates close at 9.20am and 3pm. Please make sure you are here before then. If you arrive after 9.20 you must sign in the late register stating the reason why. If you are going to be late for collecting your child please phone the school to let them know.

Please do not use your mobile devices on the school premises, this is school policy and is in line with regulations regarding safeguarding of children.

Forest School

Forest School sessions will continue from Wednesday 18 April. Your keyworker will inform you if your child has been selected for this group.

Pictures will be up on the plasma screen in the reception area to keep you updated on all the fun they had.

Happy Notes:

We value your contribution to your child's profile. Please share something that has happened at home e.g. a special event, a trip, reading a book together or helping to cook something. Happy notes are available by reception or from your child's keyworker.

DIARY DATES:

17 - 23 March - Sport Relief

19 March- Parent/Carer Wiggle Waggle Session in aid of Sport Relief.

23 March- Children can wear red or sportswear today. There will also be collection in aid of Sport Relief.

29 March- Last day of term. School will close at 12.30pm, there will be no crèche.

16 April- First day of summer term.

30 Hours Free Childcare

Parents who are eligible for 30 hours free childcare are entitled to a free place in the Friday Crèche. Please ask at reception for further details, you can also check if you are eligible by visiting www.childcarechoices.gov.uk.

Regular Reminders:

Fruit for snack:

There is a box on the reception desk to receive donations of fruit and vegetables.



Tissues

Please bring in a box of tissues for use in the classrooms.

Voluntary Fund:

Please remember to bring in your voluntary contribution of £1 on Monday mornings. This goes towards cooking ingredients, theatre groups, visits, etc.



Work Folders:

Please regularly check your child's folder for their work to take home.

Birthdays:

Fruit only please – no cake or sweets.

The Easter Holiday is from Friday 30th March to Friday 13th April. School will close on <u>Thursday 29th March at 12.30pm</u>, there will be no crèche.

Children return to school on Monday 16th April