



Spring Term Newsletter

Open Air Pre-school

March 2021- Spring Term

"These very children reveal to us the most vital need of their development, saying: 'Help me to do it alone!'"
Maria Montessori

Dear parents and carers

Spring is finally upon us and with it hope for the future and a chance to start planning our family get togethers and hopefully holidays and days out. At Jelly Beans we're very excited for the summer. Fingers crossed we can hold all our summer events as we usually do such as school trips, sports days, graduation ceremonies and teddy bear picnics. We missed out on all these last year and we're really hoping we can hold them once more this year. As soon as we are given the green light from the government we will be in touch. Look out for some 'save the dates' coming your way soon!



I have been overwhelmed by the support you, our parents, have offered to Jelly Beans and our wonderful staff. There have been days when staff had to self-isolate or they were off sick and we have had to ask great favours of you. You have simply been fantastic and I am very grateful to you all. Thank you!

Our fab Jelly Beans team have put themselves and their own families at risk coming into work, their commitment has made me incredibly proud of the team I have. Their dedication to their work during these challenging times has been outstanding and I thank them from the bottom of my heart. With much more hope than this time last year, I am looking forward to a summer full of happy little Jelly Beans' faces with the sun shining and the freedom for you all to see your extended families. Something we have all missed this last year. What a summer it will be!

With every good wish

Sarah

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School readiness starts from Easter and we will begin to prepare the school leavers for their transitions so it would be good to start speaking to them about this at home. In addition, we will be offering specific school readiness classes at our Plumberow site, more information coming soon.

A helpful resource to support this can be found by using the following link:



https://www.pacey.org.uk/working-in-childcare/spotlight-on/being-school-ready/?gclid=Cj0KCQjwrsGCBhD1ARIsALILBYqZveK5aayxGijnAffuGbSquG4s14ePOfDSzsOZ6ZRlatZA_mAhsqaAqB4EALw_wcB#readyforschool



Overview of our year so far

The children have been engaging and working excellently in our Montessori classroom with many children particularly enjoying our sensorial materials such as the Pink Tower and Broad Stair, especially as Miss Brooke, Miss Debbie and Miss Grace have been completing their Montessori Level 2 training during this time and sharing these experiences with them. We have welcomed Miss Sarah onto our team so far this year, who is an appointed 1-1 SEN practitioner. Sarah has settled really well with us and all the children enjoy playing alongside her. We have introduced more celebration days to our nursery calendar thanks to our Equality Needs Co-Ordinator, Miss Brooke. She has been busy organising and producing super fun days for all the children with the teams help and we are looking forward to engaging in Red Nose Day and Holi Festival in March and then at the beginning of April with National Pet Month and many Easter celebrations. We have just moved onto our Spring Dinner Club menu, which was shared via Blossom, we hope you like the look of it and welcome any feedback or ideas on future food menus.

Miss Grace, Miss Deb, Miss Holli, Miss Brooke, Miss Rhian, Miss Tara, Miss Liann, Miss Bea and Miss Sarah



As you all know we are participating in Ready, Steady, Listen again this year and we hope you have been having some special time with your little one listening to them read.

We are still hoping that more children will join us in our sponsorship and that we can delight in their reading achievements at nursery too and provide them with lovely new reading books!

Last year was such a success and the children have really benefitted from some beautiful books from Usbourne.

Please bring in your sponsorship forms by no later than Friday 26th March.

Happy Springtime Everyone! We have had a very enjoyable start to our New Year here at Open air. We are noticing the seasonal changes in our garden, watching the sun stay out for longer and the bees starting to appear.

The children have been engaging in so many fun experiences from Chinese New Year, food tasting and games to Australia Day, indigenous dancing and World Book Day dressing up and story sharing!

As always, myself and the team want to express how grateful we are for your continued support and communication in these ever changing circumstances. We hope you feel as supported by us as we do by you.

Best wishes,

Miss Grace x

Names please.....

Please can we ask that all items are clearly labelled with your child's name, especially coats, jumpers, bags, wellies, drink bottles and lunch boxes. Lots of children have the SAME items and therefore we need help differentiating between them.

Toys and Personal items.....

With the exception of dummies/comforters, toys and personal items are not permitted in the setting or in children's bags. Not only does this help stop cross-contamination inline with Covid prevention measures, it also affects the children's days from concentrating and engaging in our classroom as well as causing upsets over wanting to use a toy they believe is to be shared.

Thank you.

Thank you for your ongoing support

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