



Autumn Term Newsletter

Day Nursery

"The greatest gifts we can give our children are the roots of responsibility and the wings of independence"
Maria Montessori

Hello to all our wonderful Jelly Beans families and a very warm welcome to our new families. We wish you all a very happy time with us.

Already the feel of Autumn is with us, big walks in the woods and long shadows are here. We have started the term off with some fantastic weather which has meant we have been making as much use of our outdoors as possible. Being outside also helps to keep us healthy hopefully meaning that COVID won't get a chance to get in the way of our Autumn plans for our Jelly Beans! We continue to carry out regular cleaning procedures throughout the day in order to keep everyone safe and staff take a lateral flow test twice weekly so that we can catch anything early on.

I know Miss Sandi and the Day Nursery team have lots planned for the term ahead to entertain and expand all children's learning experiences. The new EYFS Framework, which came into effect in September, gives your child's key person the opportunity to spend more time teaching and playing with your child/ren instead of writing up lengthy observations. The learning and fun still continues but less paperwork, thankfully.

Look out for our parent survey which will be making it's way to you soon. Your input and feedback is valuable to us, we do listen and action wherever possible.

Wishing you all a fantastic Autumn at Jelly Beans :))

Sarah Drummond

Staffing

We have seen a few new faces lately and would like to welcome Miss Suzanne to our St Nicholas team who has many years of Montessori training and brings a wealth of experience with her.

Miss Sally has joined the Santa Maria room, is level 3 qualified and also highly experienced.

Miss Heidi also joins us as lunch assistant and is proving invaluable.



Sadly, Miss Danni has left us to concentrate on her university studies so we wish her well for the future.



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.



This Term

In Santa Maria: we have previously been focusing on the topic 'All about me' as there are many new Jelly Beans joining us. This helps with the children's personal, social and emotional well-being and encourages strong and healthy early relationship building skills. The children are showing a great interest in animals, so as well as following their lead we are looking at animal habitats, what they eat and what noises they make!

Miss Sasha, Miss Ellie, Miss Demi, Miss Sally

In St Nicholas: we have been welcoming some of our younger Jellybeans in St. Nicholas room and they have transitioned confidently. We are following the children's love of the outdoors and exploring the topic of Autumn, looking at the changes to the leaves, their colour, shape, patterns and texture, alongside looking at some of the animals that are in hibernation during the colder months and comparing these to similar breeds around the world.

Miss Mel, Miss Suzanne, Miss Vicky

Children's Lunches

In line with our curriculum, we always aim to demonstrate and deliver healthy eating opportunities and exploration, especially around our snack times, meal times and topic discussions.

As a child-care facility in England, we have a duty of care to encourage healthy meal options. We would like to share the link below, that is an excellent resource to support families in providing balanced and nutritious foods for children. The government initiative is called Change-4-life:

<https://www.nhs.uk/change4life/recipes/healthier-lunchboxes>

The NHS also has a guide: <https://www.nhs.uk/live-well/eat-well/the-eatwell-guide/> that shows the right balanced portions for each of the 5 food groups to achieve a general balanced diet.

Packed Lunches

Please don't forget that when putting foods into your children's lunch boxes ensure that grapes and large blueberries are cut in half as these could potentially be a choking hazard.

Also please ensure that foods are healthy, no chocolate bars, and that the lunch box has an ice pack in to keep the food cool.

To Our Jelly Beans families,

Well a new term has started and welcome to all our new children and parents that have joined our Jelly Beans family. The children have settled really well and it is a joy to see especially seeing them creating a wonderful bond with their key worker.

We are beginning to prepare for 'Spooky week' so I am sure there will be lots of activities for the children to partake in, including Bonfire night and Diwali.

Best wishes

Miss Sandi x

Garden Play

Please always provide your child with a pod, wellies and lots of spare changes of clothes including underwear. The garden will continue to get muddier along with the wetter season ahead.

When placing items in the children's bags please do not use carrier bags for wellies etc as these are not allowed within the nursery as they are a health and safety issue.



Thank you for your ongoing support

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