



Nursery Update

Autumn 2022

Welcome

This term seems to be whizzing past, and all the children appear relaxed and happy here at John Bear's Nursery.

The children have been having some regular woodland time, and last week they enjoyed an outdoor fire. There was popcorn and they all listened carefully to Mrs Godbold as she explained how to be safe around the fire pit.

Christmas is on its way and the words of our Christmas songs are being practised ready to be shared with you all before the end of term.

Christmas Card money

We hope you are pleased with your child's Christmas card design. Remember if you would like to order them you need to return the forms and the money to nursery by the 18th November



Children in Need

We are going to be SPOTacular this year and wear spotty clothes for Children in Need. This is going to take place on Friday 18th November. Please bring in your donations into nursery on this day

Christmas Sing Song

It seems very early to mention the C word but I know that it helps if you have dates for your diaries.

6.12.22 Christmas Sing Song 11.40

8.12.22 Christmas Sing Song 2.40

If your child does not usually attend either of the sessions then you are very welcome to bring them along to one of the Sing Songs so that they can join in.

Due to space there is a limit of two adults per child, and please do not attend both days.

Christmas Jumper Day

Christmas Jumper Day is **Save the Children's** annual event which raises money for children in the UK and across the world.

Christmas Jumper Day is on a Thursday this year – Thursday 8 December to be precise. So on that day put on a festive outfit and bring a donation. And what's more, this year, the UK government's promised to give the same amount as you give. Every time you give £2 to Save the Children, [they give £2](#).

Christmas Party

We would like to invite all the children to join us for our Christmas Party on Wednesday 14th December. We will have a special snack and play some party games and the children are very welcome to come dressed in practical party clothes.

If your child doesn't usually attend on a Wednesday you are still very welcome to bring them for 10.30 am and then collect them again at 12.00, but please let a member of staff know if they will be joining us.

Lunches

There are lots of ideas here for healthy lunch boxes

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

Please can you cut whole grapes in half as they are a choking hazard.

We would also be grateful if you could not put sweets or chocolate bars in there too.

If your child needs cutlery then please can you put it in their lunch box.

Water bottles

It is great to encourage the children to drink water throughout the day from their water bottles and they also enjoy their milk at snack time.

If possible, please can you only send water in their bottles. If your child really won't drink water, please make sure that you send in squash of a very weak strength.

Funding forms

We are currently handing out funding forms for the January term. These need to be returned to Mrs Nutt in the office as soon as possible but by Friday 2nd December at the latest. If you have not received one yet please check your child's book bag as it may have been put in there or speak to a member of staff.

Wellies, Waterproofs and Spare Clothes

Thank you for bringing in a pair of wellies for your child to use as outdoor shoes. They are all becoming increasingly independent about changing them.

We have been very lucky with the weather so far but as we encourage the children to explore outside in most weathers, please can you make sure that your child comes with appropriate clothes for going outside.

We also require all the children to have at least one full spare set of clothes, including socks, in a small bag on their peg which will need to be replenished when used, and again appropriate for the time of year.

Please can you name all items of clothing and footwear.

Attendance

If your child is unwell, it is important that you let Mrs Nutt in the office know before 9.30.

Car Parking

Please, please, please can you be thoughtful about where you are parking your car in the nursery car park if you drive to nursery, and only park in the marked bays. Parking anywhere else is putting your own child and other people's children in danger.

We know that there are limited spaces, and we know that parents from both John of Gaunt and BVS, are using the car park when they should be parking elsewhere.

We can only ask you to be more considerate. We do not want any child to be seriously hurt because someone has parked their car without considering the impact they are having on our children's safety.

Many of our staff have to leave at 3.00 to collect their own children from school, so please can you not block in the staff car parking area, by parking there.

There is alternative parking available at the Jubilee Centre and at the Bure Valley car park.

Dates for your Diary

18.11.22 Children in Need SPOTacular

1.11.22 Nursery Family Learning Day 9.00am - 9.45pm

6.12.22 Christmas Sing Song 11.40am

8.12.22 Christmas Jumper Day

Christmas Sing Song 2.40pm

14.12.22 Christmas Party from 10.30 am –12.00

16.12.22 - Nursery closes for Christmas
4.1.23 - Nursery re opens for Spring Term