



Jolly Rodgers Preschool Newsletter September 2022

THIS MONTH WILL BE ‘THE WONDER OF ME’

Welcome to our first newsletter of the pre-school year. We hope you are all looking forward to working alongside us in this exciting development stage for your child. Each month our plans will be displayed outside for all to view on the notice boards. Please feel free to discuss any area of these plans with staff members.

Our learning through play will continue to progress well throughout our monthly activities. The children will continue to build on new skills daily, please encourage these at home.

This month is all about ‘The wonder of me’ which will include family, settling in and our feelings. We will be talking to the children about your family, extended family and family friends. We will also be encouraging the children to talk about their feelings and will use ‘persona dolls’ to help enable the children to understand and express their feelings. We will be focusing on transition to ‘school/nursery’.

THIS MONTH’S SONG’S (please encourage your child to sing these with you)

Head shoulders knees and toes
I have 2 little eyes
I am special
Where is?
If you’re happy and you know it

THIS MONTH’S ARTS (we will send home children’s work for you to display)

All art work will include gluing, sticking, colouring, painting and cutting relating to our theme – creating self-portraits using mirrors, family portraits, measuring and height and weight, likes/dislikes.

Free play art resources and junk art are also available throughout each week.



THIS MONTH THE GROUND LEVEL OF LOFT WILL BE ‘A Sensory Den’

All children will be encouraged to create their own items for the loft area and create their own artwork.

THIS MONTH THE UPPER LEVEL OF LOFT WILL BE ‘QUIET ENVIRONMENT’

We will be creating a quiet reading area.

THIS MONTH’S CIRCLE TIME

Within pre-school we will use “Circle Time” to read stories, poems etc to develop each child’s love of books and language.

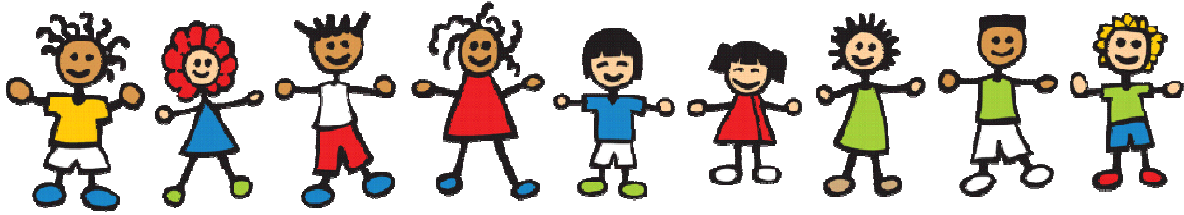
We will read books and learn our new songs. Our songs & stories will all be related to our project and will include the following

Meeting new friends
Starting pre school
Family and friends
Feelings
Body Parts

We will also use circle time to discuss:

Likes/dislikes
Favourite things
Family – How many family members and who is in your family
Feelings – excited, worried, happy, scared
Different colour of eyes, hair etc
Importance of handwashing
Days of the week
The colour orange

In addition, during circle time children will have an input to make plans and they will also discuss what they have liked in the room and anything they would like to change. Their input and feedback will help staff shape plans to meet the children's interests and needs.



THIS MONTH'S BIRTHDAY'S

Each month we may have a birthday celebration; we will create a birthday chart and sing "Happy Birthday". Each child will be added to this chart as their birthday occurs throughout the year. If you wish you may send a cake/or healthy option to celebrate during break. (All Cakes must be nut free).

HAPPY BIRTHDAY:

Bradly
Kavya



Ivy
Noah
😊

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

Can we please ask that you ensure all items of uniform/clothing are labelled including coats & bags. Thank you.

Can we ask that you please be extra cautious when driving around the car park area and always be aware of adults and children. We are sure you can appreciate that there are a lot of children within the nursery being collected at different times and it can be busy. Please always be attentive of this. Can we please remind you not to block the area where nursery vehicles are parked. This must be kept clear at all times so the vehicles can get in and out and we can safely off load the children. Thank you.



SAVE THE DATE - RAINBOW DAY – FRIDAY 7th OCTOBER

*We have another charity that is very close to our hearts and that is ‘**make a wish children’s charity**’. We had a little boy who attended the nursery and he very sadly passed away a few years ago. Each year, as this was his mother’s request, we have a ‘RAINBOW DAY’ wearing bright colours in memory of little Lennon and all money raised goes to ‘**make a wish**’. Our Rainbow Day this year is FRIDAY 7th OCTOBER. Please feel free to join us on this special day by wearing anything bright and colourful and all we ask is a small donation.
THANK YOU.*

Jolly Rodgers staff are here to discuss any aspect of pre-school with you at anytime, either speak to one of us directly, phone, message through seesaw or email and we will get back to you.

Can we request that parents please be mindful that we may have a number of children within the nursery with highly compromised immune systems and coming into contact with common infectious conditions, especially chicken pox or stomach bugs, may have serious implications for them. If your child may come into contact with chicken pox, please do inform nursery so that we can pass this information on. Please note that children with a tummy bug should not return to nursery until they have been well for 24hrs. Advice on children returning to nursery or school after illness is available at <http://www.publichealth.hscni.net>

Thank you from all in pre-school.