



Jolly Rodgers Preschool Newsletter January 2024

THIS MONTH IS ABOUT.. ‘WHAT DO WE NEED?’

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 we will be looking at ‘What do we need’ including Healthy Lifestyle & food. We will be focusing on healthy foods. This will include exploring fruit and vegetables, and also looking at the ‘5 a day’. We will be looking at how we can have a healthy lifestyle. Within this area the children will look at brushing our teeth, washing our hands, getting sleep and exercising.

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

Wash wash wash your hands
Reduce reuse recycle
We like to eat apples and bananas
The vegetable song (Tune twinkle twinkle)

THIS MONTH’S COLOUR – GREEN

The water tray will contain dolls to bath
Dough will include green items.
The sand tray will include healthy food and utensils
During the month we will be trying some green foods at snack time.



THIS MONTH'S ARTS (WE WILL SEND HOME CHILDREN'S WORK FOR YOU TO DISPLAY)

All artwork will include gluing, sticking, colouring, painting and cutting relating to our theme including:

How can we stay clean pictures

Recycling objects paint pictures.

Shopping Lists

Fruit and vegetable painting/printing/drawing/naming our favourite

Green Pictures.

'I like to eat' plates

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

THIS MONTH'S LOFT WILL BE 'A KITCHEN/CAFE'

Ground Level –will be sensory with theme related objects added

Upper Level-will be developed as a recycling centre.

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

THIS MONTH'S CIRCLE TIME

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

Our stories this month will include the following topics:

Exercise.

How can we look after ourselves e.g. brushing our teeth, washing our hands.

Favourite fruit and vegetables.



We will also use "Circle Time" to discuss:

The weather.

Days of the week.

The colour green.

Encouraging caring & sharing

Good manners

How does our food grow.

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:

Rose
Ruben



PHYSICAL ACTIVITIES

Physical activities will be continued to be promoted through both outdoor plans and indoor weekly plans. We will be outside everyday –please supply warm Coats, hats, and scarves. The children will be introduced to a variety of games and outdoor activities including circuits, obstacle courses, soft play with mats etc.



ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

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

Can we please ask, if you know your child will not be attending nursery, whether it is due to illness or holidays, that you let us know and add onto Family. It is important we know of any absences as soon as is possible to help work around staffing. Thank you.

Nursery closures 2023

- New Year's Day - Monday 1st January
- St. Patrick's Day – Monday 18th March
- Easter Monday – Monday 1st April
- Easter Tuesday – Tuesday 2nd April
- May Bank Holiday – Monday 6th May
- Twelfth Bank Holiday – Friday 12th & Monday 15th July
- Christmas – Wednesday 25th December – Tuesday 31st December



We would just like to take this opportunity to thank you all for the gifts, gift cards, donations to charities, food bank donations, cards, and emails. We are overwhelmed with your generosity. These really have meant so much to us all. **THANK YOU!! THANK YOU!!**

We do hope you all enjoyed a happy Christmas and New Year and now we look forward to year ahead, 2024!!



Thank you from all in pre-school.