Jack in the Box Summer 1 Newsletter

Dear Parents/ carers,

Welcome back and welcome to our new families. We hope you have had a relaxing Easter break and are ready for the new half term ahead.

We have so many exciting things planned and hopefully with good weather we can extend the setting to an even bigger outside classroom daily.

Insect Lore – Butterfly Kit

This term we are going to explore the life cycle of butterflies, and we will be providing the children with an opportunity to watch the process from caterpillars transforming into butterflies. We will keep you updated with their progress through our Instagram page.

Fruit/Snack

Every day children are provided with fruit and a large variety of snack throughout the sessions and during snack time. This is a daily popular choice for all children, and they enjoy tasting the different varieties of fruits and vegetables. Most children are government funded, and the funding received does not cover snack. Please could you bring some snack each week for the children to share and as a family you can also bring non-perishable items to cover the term.

Parent/Carer/Grandparent and Child Gardening Week

Monday 8th June to Friday 12th June we will be holding a parents/carer/grandparent gardening week. During the week, we will be planting seeds, bulbs and exploring our outdoor environment and decorating our decking area as well as having discussions on growth and decay. All parents/carers and grandparents are welcome from 9.10 am-9.45am all week. If you would like to donate anything for the garden to plant or brighten it up or resources like paint etc for our decking area, please bring with the children during this week it would be greatly appreciated. We look forward to watching the flowers/ plants growing over the coming weeks and our outdoor environment become even more appealing. Please look out for the shoots to start growing and talk to your child/ren about, what you are observing.

School Leavers and school transitions

If your child is due to start Nursery or Reception in September, you should now have been given your child's space and school (if you need any support, please let us know). Please can you share with the nursery team the name of the school your child will be attending to enable us to liaise with your child's new school.

Phonics

Phonics will continue to be a focus throughout our daily play and within our morning focus time, if you need any support with phonetic sounds please do not hesitate to ask. School leavers will be coming home with a home learning pack

Illness

Any child who has sickness or diarrhoea needs to remain at home for 48 hours from their last bout before returning to Jack in the Box. If your child has a temperature, then 24 hours must have passed without a temperature before your child can return to the setting. It is extremely important to keep our Nursery a healthy place to be **for everyone**. If your child is ill or unable to attend one of their sessions, please notify a member of the team on **07961 120231** Thank you. The phone will be on daily between 7:30am until 4.00pm. If the phone is not answered, please leave a message, or send a text and we will get back to you as soon as possible. The email address for Kings Langley nursery is as follows: jackintheboxnurseries@gmail.com

Contact details /changes in circumstances.

Please ensure if you have changed address or contact details then the nursery has up to date information records on your child. The nursery is required to **hold 3 emergency contact** details for your child, if you have not done so, please can you pass the required details to a member of the team. If there have been any changes in circumstances i.e. your child's health/ dietary restrictions / home life, then please ensure you inform a member of staff.

Early Years Foundation stage / Parent consultation meetings

All activities your child has available to them are linked to potential learning following the Early Years Foundation Stage (EYFS) if you have any questions about the settings personalised curriculum, please ask your child's key person. Parents/ carers will have a chance to look through their child's Journal and your child's key person will be giving you a 10-minute time slot w/c Monday 29th June - Friday 3rd July. Please sign up to a time slot between 9.10am-10.30am

on your key workers allocated day, this can be a telephone conversation or an in person visit. Please ask a member of staff to sign you up. An appointment form will be available a few weeks prior to the open classroom week which will detail specific slots for each key worker

Notice boards or emails

Please ensure you read the white boards, letters on the windows or letters sent home weekly as there may be important information for the coming week as well as some of the activities your children will be taking part in that week at nursery.

Polices/Website/ Instagram

Our policies are displayed within the cloakroom area and are on our website please familiarise yourself with these at www.jackinthebox.org.uk Our Instagram page posts all the activities we will be doing in the nursery each week both indoors and outdoors, please search for @Jitbkingslangley

Clothing

If you have any spare clothing to donate e.g joggers, shorts, underwear, socks we would appreciate to have as our 'SPARE' clothing.

Coats, Suncream and Sun hats

Please can you ensure that your child has named and appropriate clothing for the changing weather conditions, coats must be provided as we continue to go outside in all weathers. On hot days, you will need to ensure your child has had sun cream on before each session, those children who attend all day will have sun cream reapplied for the afternoon session (please provide a named sun cream and place it in the sun cream box). Named hats also need to be provided (and placed in the sunhat box). **LACES** are very hard for children to become independent. Please try to dress your child in appropriate footwear and clothing to support their independence. Please also be mindful that children may get messy and dirty as they explore the curriculum through play in the setting children will be using paint, glue and will occasionally get muddy outside.

Uniform

Our uniform is provided by BEATS school uniform in Watford. They have an easy-to-use website and offer free delivery. Click find your school and you will see we have lovely T-shirts, jumpers, fleeces, and bags.

beatschooluniforms.co.uk/schools/jack in the box nursery school/

Toilet Training & dummies

We want to support you and your child in every way possible. If your child is 3 & upwards, then this is a great time to begin toilet training if you haven't already. This is a large part of your child's personal and physical development and important for getting them ready for their transition to school. Please talk to a member of staff if you need any support. The use of dummies may delay speech and language, we can support you and your child with a successful dummy fairy plan that is exciting and fun and may help your child with this next transition stage.

Fees

All invoices will be issued this week. invoice; please ensure you use **KL** and your child's name as a reference for our records.

Photos by the two photographers outdoor summer shoots

Photos will be taken this term on Thursday 14th May if your child does not attend these days and you would like your child's photo taken then please add their name to a time on the list placed on the wall closer to the time. Pm children's photos will be taken when they come in. You may also book for siblings to attend too.

Important Dates

Hot Lunch – Thursday 21st May – Letter coming with full details.
PET WEEK week commencing 18th May 2026
TELL ME ABOUT YOUR JOB WEEK – week commencing 1st June
Sports day and Graduation ceremony - Friday 17th July with Teddy Bears picnic after
Summer term 1 Tuesday 14th April - Friday 22nd May
Bank holiday: Monday 4th May (Jack In The Box closed)
Photos by the two photographers outdoor summer shoot Thursday 14th May
Half term Monday 25th May- Friday 29th May
Summer term 2 Monday 1st June- Friday 17th July (12.00pm Finish)
Open classroom/ Parents consultations Monday 29th June to Friday 3rd July (Please book in a time slot with your child's key person on their allocated day)

We are looking forward to another great half term with many exciting activities. If you have any questions or concerns, please to not hesitate to ask at any time.

Many Thanks the Jack in the Box team

Transition meetings with new schools

Parents/ carers if your child is leaving Jack in the Box to go to school nursery or reception class, please can you complete the slip below for us to organise transition meetings with their new setting.

Child's name:.....

Name of school:.....

My child will be attending nursery/ Reception:.....

Many thanks