



Jack in the Box Summer 1 Newsletter

Welcome!

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.

Staff

Lucy – Manager/DSL
Jazz – Deputy Manager
Eilish – SENCO
Jenna – Early Years Practitioner
Ali- Early years practitioner
Lauren - Early years practitioner
Rihanna- Early years practitioner
Michele- Area SENCO
Gill – Area support
Zoe and Jenny Directors

Challenge of this Term!

Celebrating our country of the term, we are 'Hello and Goodbye in Greek'

Hello – Yassou

Goodbye – Antio



<https://howtosayguide.com/how-to-say-one-two-three-in-chinese/>

(Please ask if you need any books)

Living Eggs



Living eggs is a very exciting programme arriving at Jack in the Box from Wednesday 23rd April until Wednesday 7th April. Living eggs provides a life cycle education programme that enables children to see chicks hatching from their eggs. Living eggs Ready Hatch is a two-week comprehensive programme providing all you need to successfully hatch chicks in our Nursery. They will be placed in the classroom so every child every day will have access to the chicks. We welcome all parents and siblings to be part of this and can come and see our chicks throughout the time they are with us. This is a very reputable company which keeps the chicks, health, and welfare at the heart of the programme. Jack in the Box will be funding part of this, but we would be grateful of a donation of £10.

Events this Term!

Living Eggs Tuesday 22nd April –

Two Photographers : Tuesday 17th June -

Pet Week –W/C Monday 2nd June – Letter to Follow

Parents consultations: W/C 30th June – please check your key persons day and available times

Sports Day – **Thursday 10th July (Weather Permitting)**

School Leavers Party – **Thursday 17th July 1:30pm**

Splash Day – **Wednesday 16th July 9-12pm**

Our Curriculum

We, of course, continue to follow the EYFS statutory framework however, we have recently introduced our new 'Curriculum' which outline the key skills that we believe our children would benefit from focusing on and would support them most in the future. **Effective Communication, Accessing Play, Independence, our community and Love of Books are at the heart** of our curriculum at Jack in the Box Rickmansworth. Our dedicated staff are committed to nurture each child's potential by building strong relationships and boosting their confidence. Together, we can inspire lifelong learners! If you wish to learn more about our new Curriculum, please speak to Lucy or Jazz

ensures they are promoting at least one of these areas which we hope will support the children in developing like our 'Curriculum Kites' and now you can promote these at home, please speak to a member of staff.

Photos by the two photographers outdoor summer shoots -Tuesday 17th June

Photos will be taken this term on Tuesday 17th June, 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.

Clothing

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.

Session times

At Jack in the Box your child's safety and wellbeing is our priority. To ensure this we need to have clear and smooth transition times. **It is very important that you are dropping off and collecting your child promptly at the start/end of their session** as these times are a key transitional period for all parents and children and we may need to share information with you before seeing the children in/out of their session. If you wish to speak to a member of staff, please can you ensure you wait until all the children are in or out of their current session. If you know you are going to be late for whatever reason, please call to let us know. Thank you for helping with this.

Our session times are:

Breakfast club: 8:15am – 9am (must arrive before 8:30am)

Morning session: 9am – 12pm

Lunch club: 12pm – 1pm

Afternoon session: 1pm – 3pm Tea Club Session: 3pm-4pm

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 RK and your child's name as a reference for our records. Please can invoices be paid by Friday 9th May.

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

Emergency Contact Details

Have you recently moved house or changed your phone number? Please let a member of staff know if any of your contact details have changed.

Adventures with TED!

Please see letter about our new Member of Jack in the Box.

School leavers

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.

All About Me

Your child will be bringing home an All About Me form please complete with as much information as you can and return on their next session. This information helps us plan for your child.

Tennis

We continue to receive weekly outstanding tennis sessions on a Friday from coach Sue who has developed the children's skills so much over the past term. These lessons are funded by the company Get Set for tennis and local council grants. To continue lessons, we ask for a £10 donation to cover all costs.

Separate letter to follow.

OFSTED report

Our Ofsted report is now live, please have a read of this. We are very proud of our 'Outstanding' rating!



Policies/Website/Instagram

Our policies are on our website please familiarise yourself with these at www.jackinthebox.org.uk

Our Instagram posts share all the activities we will be doing in the nursery each week both indoors and outdoors. You can find us and follow us [@jitb_Rickmansworth](https://www.instagram.com/jitb_Rickmansworth)

We are looking forward to a great term with many exciting activities.

Thank you for all your continual support and a warm welcome to all our new families. If you have any questions or concerns, please do not hesitate to ask at any time.

Lucy, Jazz and the Jack in the Box team

Term dates

Summer term 1: **Wednesday 23rd April- Friday 23rd May**

Half term **Monday 26th May- Friday 30th May**

Summer term 2: **Monday 2nd June- Friday 18th July (12:00pm Finish no lunch club this day)**

Bank Holiday: **Monday 5th May Bank Holiday**
Nursery closed