



Jack in the Box Summer 1 Newsletter

Dear Parents/ carers,

Welcome back 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.

Parent Questionnaires

Please see attached a parent questionnaire, we would be grateful if you could complete this and return it back by Friday 5th May.

Parent/Carer/Grandparent and Child Gardening Week

Monday 15th May to Friday 19th May we will be holding a parents/carers/grandparent gardening week. During the week, we will be planting seeds, bulbs and exploring our outdoor environment and decorating our flower bed as well as having discussions on growth and decay. All parents/carers and grandparents are welcome from 9.00 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 flower bed, 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). All the school leavers will be working on school ready activities throughout this term Please can parents let us know if your child is moving on to nursery school.

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 **07852914934/01442249328** 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 Brockwood nursery is as follows jackintheboxatbrockswood@hotmail.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. 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.

White Boards

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 [jitbrockswood](https://www.instagram.com/jitbrockswood)

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 and will be using paint, glue etc and will continue to be 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. If your child is transitioning to school, it is really important to of started this process this term.

Fees

All invoices will be issued this week. Please inform us if you will be paying in instalments. Invoices may be paid either through Bank transfers or cash. Our bank details are displayed on the bottom of your invoice; please ensure you use **BW** and your child's name as a reference for our records. Please can invoices be paid by Friday 12th May.

Rhyme time sessions and Makaton

Songs and rhymes have a hugely positive impact on a child's language and literacy development. Children love rhyme, rhythm, and repetition. These three things found in songs and rhymes can naturally help to boost a child's language and literacy skills. We will be holding three **different** rhyme time sessions (each week will be different songs/rhymes) for the children, Wednesday 10th May 9.05am (Week 1) Wednesday 17th May 12:40Pm (week 2) and Wednesday 24th May 9.05am (week 3). There will be weekly rhyme time packs available, please speak to a member of staff if you would like packs to be sent home with your child to keep and support your singing at home.

Photos by the two photographers

Photos will be taken this term on Friday 5^d May if your child does not attend this day and you would like your child's photo taken then please speak to Kayleigh or Nicola. Afternoon children's photos will be taken when they come in. You may also book for siblings to attend too.

Get Set for Tennis

We continue to receive weekly outstanding tennis sessions on a Wednesday AM. These lessons are funded by the company Get Set for tennis and local council grants. To continue lessons, we ask for a £7 donation to cover travel costs which is £1 per child per week. Please if you can make the donation and complete the separate letter to ensure our lessons continue at Brockswood.

Important Dates

Kings Coronation AFTERNOON TEA/PARTY-Thursday 4th may. Please dress your child in red/white/blue for their session.

GRANDMA AND GRANDPA/SPECIAL FAMILY TEA AND STORY MORNING- Wednesday 7th June.

PET WEEK 9th-11th may. Please book a time slot with a staff member.

Sports day 17.07.23- 9.30am

Summer term 1 Tuesday 18th April - Friday 26th May

Bank holiday: Monday 1st May (Jack In The Box closed)

Monday 8th May Kings Coronation (Jack in the Box closed)

Photos: Friday 5th May, if your child attends this session then their photo will automatically be taken. If your child does not attend this session, then please put their name against a time on the sheet. This will be placed on the wall closer to the time.

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Half term Monday 29th May- Friday 2nd June

Summer term2 Tuesday 6th June- Wednesday 19th July

Open classroom

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 curriculum, please ask your child's key person. Parents 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. Please sign up to a time slot between 9.05am-10.30am on your key workers allocated day. Please ask a member of

staff to sign you up. Kayleigh/Paige Monday 10th July. Nicola/ Donna Tuesday 11th July. Els/ Mandy Wednesday 12th July Kelly/Kerry Thursday 13th July

Sports day: Monday 17th July 9:30am- We will have more information about this closer to the time.

Wednesday 19th July- End of term picnic 1:30pm

Thursday 20th July – leavers party 9:30-11:30am

We are looking forward to another great half term with many exciting activities. If you have any questions or concerns, please do 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