



Dear all,

The summer has finally arrived! The children are busy practicing for their sports day coming up soon. We can't wait to see you all then!

Crawlers

During June, with the lovely weather, the Crawlers have had a lot of fun outside with the water play, learning about measure through pouring and filling and learning about less and more. We have also been looking at bugs and inspecting our bug house, Bug-ingham Palace! We have been focusing on learning colours this month too, as well as doing lots of singing and speech to encourage initial sounds. We have our sports day coming up soon, so our curriculum focus for July is physical movement and becoming a Dynamic Dynamo: Happy to move, balance, climb and push yourself. Understanding danger and managing the risks you take.

Reminder: can all parents to send in spare clothes for your children as they will

Explorers & Investigators

What a busy month June has been! We have been learning lots about musical instruments; school lent us some fantastic instruments for the children to learn about and have a go with, such as triangles and xylophones. The children also had a go at making their own musical instruments. We have also been learning about symmetry this month looking at butterflies and how they have symmetrical patterns on their wings. We demonstrated this by getting the children to create their own butterflies by painting on one half of a paper butterfly, then folding it together to make a whole butterfly. We have also done lots of learning about colour mixing too using our hands to print on paper.

We have sports day coming up in July and we have been doing lots of sports outside to practice for the day. Our curriculum focus for July is physical development and becoming a Dynamic Dynamo: Happy to move, balance, climb and push yourself. Understanding danger and managing the risks you take.

Reminder: please label all clothes so we can return them to the right children.

Discoverers

Throughout June the Discoverers have done a lot of focused learning about our bodies and how they work, we even used a stethoscope to listen to our hearts beating and learnt all about the role of our hearts and veins. The children have shown a big interest in this topic and enjoyed learning about how our bodies function. Some of the Discoverers who will be starting school in September were able to go over the join in Kirk Fenton's sports day, it was a lovely day, and the children had a picnic. We have also spent a lot of time practicing for our own upcoming sports day; the children are so excited to show everyone how good they are! We will continue to keep practicing this month. We will also be looking at literacy this month and hope to become Enthusiastic Bookworms: Enjoy a book, have fun reading, telling your story and sharing others' stories, songs, poems and rhymes.

Adventurers

The Adventurers have had a busy month, we have been spending a lot more time outside playing as the weather has improved. We have also enjoyed lots of crafts and making loom band bracelets. The Adventurers have also had lots of fun in the Forest Schools Treehouse. We hope you all have a wonderful summer and look forward to seeing you in September!

Forest Schools

The children have been working hard in the garden and continuing their learning in plants and what they need to grow, all the children have shown solid knowledge on this now. The garden is blooming and our fruit and vegetables are coming along nicely, we can't wait to try what we have grown. We also have been looking at the weather and learning how we can stay safe in the sun and during the heat waves.

Parking – Laurels Farm Drive

North Yorkshire police have been in touch with us regarding parking on Laurels Farm Drive as it has become problematic with non-residents parking in bays intended for residents without a driveway, as well as cars blocking driveways. There have also been complaints about cars being parked too close to the junction on Laurels Park Drive and on Main Street, restricting the view and causing a hazard; the police have stated cars must be parked at least 10 metres away from Junctions. We ask that you are considerate when parking, even temporarily, when dropping off and picking up children from Jigsaws.

Home Learning Certificate Winners

Crawlers: Atticus

Explorers/Investigators: Rae, Mia C, Zachary R, William S, Louella and Ezra

Discoverers: Asher, Willow and Xander

Child Illness

We have noticed a rise in the number of children coming to Jigsaws with viruses and contagious illnesses. To prevent further spread and protect the health of everyone, we kindly ask that you keep your children at home until they have fully recovered. These illnesses affect many other children and staff members, and we want to avoid the possibility of having to close due to staff shortages.

Despite our efforts to sterilise and clean the rooms daily, we are struggling to manage the situation as sick children continue to be brought in. We understand that parents need to work, but even one illness can spread rapidly and impact many families with similar commitments. Thank you for your cooperation and understanding.

Big Toddle



We had a brilliant Big Toddle, the children were fantastic! Thank to all who took part and donated, we raised £262.

Staff News

Jigsaws are dedicated to providing training for Early Years educators and are pleased we have been able to take on four new apprentices who show great potential. We welcome Malak Kassim, Bea Knight, Kerry MacAndrew and Megan Hughes-Higgins to Jigsaws.

We would also like to welcome back Georgia from maternity leave.

Help for families

We know that during the summer break some families may struggle with the increased cost of food and activities that our children require. Sites to look at if you need some extra help:

- Tadcaster Barn - offer a food bank and delivery service call 01937 830524 for details.
- [Household Support Fund | North Yorkshire Council](#)

NEW GOVERNMENT FUNDING SUPPORT

Application Process - Parents must have set up an online Government Childcare Account before they can apply for an eligibility code. Parents do this through the Childcare Choices website [Childcare Choices | 30 Hours Free Childcare, Tax Free Childcare and More | Help with Costs | GOV.UK](#) Once you have this code you will need to complete a Jigsaws Childcare Parental Agreement form which you can request from helen@jigsawschildcare.co.uk

From April 2024, eligible working families of two-year-old children may be able to access 15 hours of funded childcare per week (570 hours per year) from the term after their child's second birthday. • From September 2024, this will be extended to eligible working families of children aged 9 months and above. • From September 2025, this will be extended to 30 hours per week (1140 hours per year) to eligible working families of children from 9 months old up until 1st September following their fifth birthday. Early years funding ceases when a child is admitted into school through the Schools Admissions process.

DIARY DATES

Closed all Bank holidays (2024):
26th August

Closed Training Days: 5th August 2024

Crawlers, Explorers and Investigators Sports Day & Parent Picnic: Monday 15th July

Discoverers Sports Day/Graduation & Parent Picnic: Thursday 18th July

Summer Holiday Club: 22nd July to 30th August (Closed 5th August for

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