



Jelly Beans Day Nursery Newsletter

December 2020

'The greatest sign of success for a teacher... is to be able to say, 'The children are now working as if I did not exist.'

María Montessori

Dear Parents

Firstly, a very Merry Christmas to you all. What a year! I hope you and your loved ones have stayed safe and well through these challenging times.

Thank you for the tremendous support you have shown me and the Jelly Beans team during this difficult time. Your constant co-operation has been very much appreciated with the wearing of masks on site, for swapping sessions at the last minute when staff had to self-isolate, for standing in line 2 metres apart (not easy with toddlers!), for waiting for temperatures to be taken and for following all those guidelines that kept changing and still do! Your support has meant a lot to everyone at Jelly Beans and made a difficult year that little bit easier.

Your children have been incredibly resilient coping with all the changes. It's now time to start some Jelly Beans festive fun, slightly different to other years as we can't have our big Monkey Bizzness party, but still with plenty of laughter, games and memories made with friends.

I look forward to a much brighter 2021 and sharing in your child's triumphs and achievements throughout the year.

With best wishes for the festive season and the year ahead
Sarah Drummond

Staff Updates

We currently have lots of staff completing and carrying out professional development within the setting which is very exciting.

Miss Michelle, Miss Sasha, Miss Ellie and Miss Bailey are currently in their first month of Level 2 Montessori teaching and are putting their new skills into practice in the classroom every day. Miss Poppy has started her Masters Degree in Educational Psychology, Miss Mel is well stuck into her Level 3 Montessori Pedagogy course, Miss Danni is doing her Level 3 in Early Childhood Force Development and Miss Lisa, our office manager, is studying for her Mental Health First Aid practitioner course.

We sadly say a Good Luck to Miss Michelle who is going to become the Manager of our Jelly Beans Pre-School at Plumberow so although we will miss her at the day nursery we are excited for her new role and to be working with her in her new capacity.

We welcome two new apprentices, Miss Hayley and Miss Demi whom most of you will have met by now. They are a great asset to the team and we are delighted to have them on board.



"I would like to personally thank everyone for their continued support and cooperation during these difficult times and for helping us continue to open our doors throughout the year. I am really enjoying seeing all the children creating some beautiful Christmas pictures and it is such a delight to see their enthusiasm getting

involved with all the activities that they are taking home to their families. The children look wonderful in their Christmas outfits and they are fully getting into the spirit of the season. I am really proud to see how the children are developing and progressing within the nursery. Finally, I'd like to say a big thank you to all the Jelly Beans staff for all their hard work and for the love and care they show to the children.

Merry Christmas,
Miss Sandi x



Building Works

We will soon be starting the building works at the day nursery at the front of the property. We were hoping this would have started by now but the building companies are all inundated with work so we are just awaiting a start date. The new extension will provide new toilets for the children and adults, an office and a baby sleep room. This is an exciting time at Jelly Beans and we hope you will bear with us during the on-going work, hopefully it won't cause too much disruption at drop off and pick up times.

Names please....

Please can we ask that all items are clearly labelled with your child's name, especially coats, jumpers, bags, wellies and drinks bottles.

Change of Clothes

Please can children attend with hats, gloves and appropriate clothing for the cold weather and please remember a change of clothes including socks!

Thank you

Dates for your Diary

23rd December – Last day of term

4th January – First day back of spring term



Thank you for your ongoing support and we wish you all a very merry Christmas and a Better New Year xxx