

# The KINDERGARTEN at St. JOSEPH'S PARENT and CARER WEEKLY NEWSLETTER

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## Nurturing Your Child Through Play



Happy Birthday  
Jemimah Ahronson  
(last week)  
4 Years Old  
Jack Hammond-Croft  
3 Years Old

### Would you Like To Help?

Every thought of volunteering?

Snack time is very important part of our session. It is where children sit, chat, they are able to be independent in preparing the fruit, pouring their drinks, they share ideas and tell us about food they like and don't like.

We encourage good table manners and support their independence.

We would very much like it if you might like to volunteer to help at snack time on Tuesday, Wednesday or Thursday mornings.

If you would like to know more speak to Louise, Bernie or Bernisi

Welcome to Noora and her parents - please do not be shy at introducing yourselves

Naomi has the admin on a parent's Whatsapp group.

Last term she successfully organised two nights out and all the party food.

Thank You Naomi. If you would like to join the group message Naomi on

07773 346604



We are very sorry but we are not able to accept any requests for adhoc/standby sessions.

**Dates to remember:** 2019- 2020

Wed 8 Jan -Fri 3 April (17 Feb - 21 Feb, Half Term We are closed 1 Week)

Mon 20 Apr - Tues 21 Jul (25 May - 29 May, Half Term We are closed 1 Week)

**Our Session times**

**Morning 8:40-11:55    Afternoon 12:10 -15:10    School Day 8:40-15:10**

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#### Coronavirus

You may be becoming worried through the media reporting of the virus. The wellbeing of your children is our priority and we are following advice from various sources as well as common sense. At this time of year many viruses are around and the advice is always the same. Hand hygiene is of enormous importance.

However Surrey County Council and Department for Education are keeping all schools and preschools updated to help us and you, to understand the current situation with Coronavirus.

#### Preventing spread of infection

There is currently no vaccine to prevent COVID-19. The best way to prevent infection is to avoid being exposed to the virus.

There are general principles anyone can follow to help prevent the spread of respiratory viruses, including:

- washing your hands often - with **soap and water**
  - covering your cough or sneeze with a tissue, then throwing the tissue in a bin.

We teach all the children to wash their hands - wet hands; add soap: rub hands make lots of bubbles: rinse; dry. Could you reinforce this at home. It is good practice to prevent any virus. Ofcourse our little ones are not so good at wiping noses or covering their coughs which is why viruses spread so easily in our environment. We are encouraging the children to do as much of this for themselves and we are washing our hands between each nose wipe (which really is not as easy as it sounds) and then encouraging the child to dispose of the used tissue. It all helps.

Taken from

Surrey County Council's Family Services childcare bulletin 5 Feb 2020

<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/guidance-to-educational-settings-about-covid-19/guidance-to-educational-settings-about-covid-19> 27 Feb 2020 14:38

Please would all take a look at your child's **Family** account and check that you have completed **all** the information you can. There are some of you who have not given us doctor's information or completed the permissions.

You may not be aware that giving us permission to share information with other agencies means that when your child starts school we can tell the teachers where your child is in terms of their development and information that could support them settling well. It also means that we can talk with therapists who might be supporting your child. If you have not allowed us this permission please reconsider.

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### Invoicing:

- Invoices will be sent monthly from September to June and are payable in advance at the beginning of the month
- Invoicing will be for actual sessions so the amount will vary each month
- The final invoice in May will include June & July sessions

You can access copies in Famly in the "Balances" section.

If you have any invoicing queries please speak to Rani on Tuesday/Wednesday or send a message using Famly.

If your child has sickness or diarrhoea they will have to stay away for **48 hours from the last bout**. This helps everyone else stay healthy.

### FAMILY

Famly is our Administration platform.

We use it to

- store your children's information on it
- give you the opportunity to report absences
  - communicate with the staff team
    - send invoices
- keep you informed of your child's progress on our learning journey
  - send our weekly newsletter

### Health & Safety

We would prefer the older children not to play on the play equipment they are a little too big and

1. May hurt themselves
2. May break the equipment

**Please take care.**

### What to Wear

The children are becoming amazingly independent. Most of them can now put on their coats if you did not know this ask them to show you.

It does help if they have clothes that they can manage by themselves. When you dress them check if they can roll up their sleeves. Some cuffs can be too tight. If your child is toilet trained they need clothes they can remove themselves easily. Those lovely body suits with poppers are often tricky for children when they want to use the toilet or when we are trying to encourage an interest in using the toilet.

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You may notice that we sometimes leave out a bucket with books in.

This is our unofficial lending library. While you are waiting for us to open up, let your child choose a book or two, enjoy them at home and return them.

You can add your thoughts to your child's learning journey on Family



### Attendance Matters

Please ensure your child attends their regular booked sessions. They are at a time in their lives where consistency of attendance matters.

### Car Park

Thank you for not parking in the school car park.



### Outside Play

Weather at this time of year is extremely changeable and we do love out outdoor play.

Please remember to send your child with a coat,



I thought I would add some preventative advice about nits and headlice. Sadly this is one of the downsides of having groups of children together. However I do need to emphasise that although these little beasts are annoying they do not cause harm.

Good advice is **once a week take a peek**. When you wash your child's hair, once a week use a conditioner and using a nit comb look through your child's hair. This should prevent the beasts getting too comfortable. Should you happen to come across the pests ask one of the local pharmacists for their recommended preparations and let us know so that we can warn others to be on the look out.

Another preventative measure is just to brush your child's hair everyday. I know that not all children like having their hair brushed but nor do the little beasts!

### Uniform



Can be ordered from

[www.myclothing.com](http://www.myclothing.com)

We do a lot of messy activities and wearing the uniform saves your home clothes.

I have been very impressed with the rucksack too.



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### Information if your child is having Lunch

MONDAY	Cheese & tomato pizza with herby diced potatoes	✓
	Glamorgan sausage with herby diced potatoes	✓
	Homemade carrot soup with homemade bread	✓
	<b>SIDE:</b> Winter vegetable slaw & baked beans <b>DESSERT:</b> Great balls of fruit**	✓
TUESDAY	Fishwich (oven baked crispy pollock in a soft roll) with potato wedges	✓
	Vegetable fingers with potato wedges	✓
	One pot tuna pasta	✓
	<b>SIDE:</b> Selection of seasonal vegetables <b>DESSERT:</b> Fruit yoghurt selection	✓
WEDNESDAY	Roast British chicken with sage & onion stuffing, roast potatoes & gravy	✓
	Quorn fillet with sage & onion stuffing, roast potatoes & gravy	✓
	Hot chicken bap with sage & onion stuffing	✓
	<b>SIDE:</b> Selection of seasonal vegetables <b>DESSERT:</b> Cheese 'n' crackers	✓
THURSDAY	Build a burger with baked tortilla chips	✓
	Margherita pizza with garlic dough balls	✓
	Classic beef meatball sub either naked or in a homemade tomato sauce	✓
	<b>SIDE:</b> Selection of seasonal vegetables <b>DESSERT:</b> Fresh fruit with crème fraîche*	✓
FRIDAY	Roast gammon served with home (non fried) fries	✓
	Vegan nuggets with home (non fried) fries	✓
	Fish finger & crushed pea wrap	✓
	<b>SIDE:</b> Baked beans & sweetcorn <b>DESSERT:</b> Rainbow sponge with custard	✓

The cost of lunch is £2.35

If you would like more information about allergies etc Below is the link to information about school meals:

<http://twelve15.mysaffronportal.com/Menu>



All our children enjoy their fruit snack. It would be really nice if you could include your child's favourite fruit sometimes. We do like our apples and bananas, they do go a long way but sometimes when we ask the children what their favourite fruit is, they have different ideas.

A little reminder about how to wash hands.

First wet your hands



Then add soap



Next rub hands to make bubbles



Finally rinse and dry.



We would also appreciate a box of tissues and a packet of wipes each half term.



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**This  
Week**



Well who doesn't like a muddy puddle?

Today was the perfect day for splashing.

I wonder why the puddle on the right looks so bubbly?



Dominoes is a great way of starting to play simple board games which means taking turns and also a great maths opportunity. Finding pictures that look the same and matching them.



This week we made pancakes all week. Our recipe was a little bit different as we did not use any eggs. I wonder if your child can remember the ingredients.

The best bit was eating them of course!



It always great to know that my staff do enjoy their job.

Bernisi does not seem to mind that she visited her hair dresser this week and then had the attention of the Kindiejoes hair technicians just for those "finishing touches".



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**FKYs** - First Kindergarten Year Children starting school Sep 2021

**Pre- Sch** - pre-schoolers children starting school September 2020

You may have noticed that we are trying out a new style of planning. The children will not notice any changes to their day but we want to make clearer for ourselves, and for you, which aspects of the curriculum we are particularly focusing on this week.

This format is just a trial so please let us know what you think



Weekly Plan: Monday 2<sup>nd</sup> March 2020

Key: FKYs Specific in red. Pre-schoolers specific in blue.				Continuous Provision to support				
	Next steps	Activity	One to one & small group activities	Mark making & creative	Sand, water & sensory	Maths & science investigation	Small world & construction	Music, movement & outdoors
Monday	Turn taking Counting <b>1-5 1-10</b> Independence in dressing - shoes & socks	Various games  Feeling textures with feet	Turn taking games with Annabelle. Speech work with Suzy	Letter stampers	The animals need a bath!	Turn taking games Sound buttons - animal noise matching	Fairies & castle	Tall tales with Louise Feeling textures with our feet!
Tuesday	Turn taking Counting <b>1-5 1-10</b> Developing use of ICT toys	Climbing frame Programming Bee Bots	Speech work with Suzy	Farm colouring & speech bubbles with Megan	Farm animals in cornflakes & straw	Bee Bots	How do they feel? - Different textures	Climbing frame
Wednesday	Counting <b>1-5 1-10</b> Settling in new children Independence in dressing - shoes & socks	Dice games  Dancing	Lego games with Annabelle. Language games with Jolanta	Tractors & Fences	Diggers in sand	Dice games with Megan	Big peg board - matching (Nathan & Gabby)	Dancing with Caroline
Thursday	Turn taking Counting <b>1-5 1-10</b> Developing use of ICT toys	Programming Bee Bots		Potato stampers	Lacing boards	Bee Bots (Alastair)	Dressing up	Wheels! Wheels! Wheels!
Friday	Turn taking Counting <b>1-5 1-10</b> Settling in new children		Language games with Jolanta	Flow paint	Cups, spoons & containers	Sound buttons - animal noise matching	Street carpet & cars etc..	Tall tales with Louise
Books this week			Nursery rhyme	Makaton sign		Shapes	Phonics	
Brown Bear. Cock a doodle doo				Colours		 		
A Squash and a Squeeze			Hickory Dickory Dock					

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2019 -2020 Staff Team



Caroline  
DSL  
PFA  
Mon AM, Wed,  
Thurs & Fri AM



Bernie - Deputy  
PFA  
Mon - Wed &  
Fri PM



Bernisi - Deputy.  
DSL  
PFA  
Tues, Thurs & Fri



Louise  
DSL  
PFA



Megan  
PFA  
Tues & Wed



Manuella  
(Manu)  
PFA  
Mon, Thurs & Fri



Karen  
Volunteer



Daisy  
Volunteer



Annabelle  
DSL  
PFA  
Mon, Wed & Thurs



Suzy - SENDCo  
PFA  
Mon, Tues & Fri



Jolanta  
PFA  
Wed - Fri

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PFA- Paediatric First Aid  
DSL - Safeguarding Lead

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If you are interested please contact her and tell her that you came from Kindiejoes.

And for those of you feeling left out Lynda is now providing adult Ballet & Tap Classes for all (and no) abilities. So much fun!

## Lizi McGarvey

Highly Specialised Speech and Language Therapist

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### Communication disorders arising from:

**STROKE HEAD INJURY BRAIN TUMOUR  
PARKINSON'S DISEASE MULTIPLE SCLEROSIS  
MOTOR NEURONE DISEASE**

As well as: **PAEDIATRIC PHONOLOGICAL  
and ARTICULATION DIFFICULTIES**

For further information please contact me  
or visit the website: [lizimcgarvey.co.uk](http://lizimcgarvey.co.uk)



Debbie one of our regular childminders has vacancies.  
If you are looking for a childminder or you know  
someone who is, contact Debbie now on

**07743 072832**

Rameh also has spaces you can contact her on **07583 193677**

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