

# JB's and Earlybirds

for the children of Baines Endowed School, Thornton

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## Hello Everyone

I hope you all had a lovely summer and are ready for the start of this term. I did and I am!



We are pleased to share with you that Lisa (Mrs Lowe) has given birth to a healthy baby girl, Lexi Grace. Her arrival was a bit of a surprise but Lisa, Jon, Lexi's big brothers and all the extended family are very happy.

## Staff

Taking into account the news above, there will be a staff change at Earlybirds. Sue has agreed to cover as Deputy, with Karen, Gillian and one other, hopefully a member of school staff, to complete the team. We will close the list for new places until we are sure numbers are covered.

## New Joiners

We are lucky enough to have quite a lot of new people joining us including sixteen EYFS children, ten of whom are siblings, which all helps to add to our family feel.

## A Gift

All children who currently attend JB's and Earlybirds can have a free ice cream! We have organised a visit from the ice cream van which will be in the car park at 3.20pm, Monday 11<sup>th</sup> September and can be accessed through the wooden gate from school. The external car park gates will be locked to keep everyone safe. To prevent delay, children attending the JB's session on that day will have their ice cream when everyone else has been served. *Enjoy!*

## **Changes**

During the break we have had the grass section near the entrance door surfaced with tarmac, hopefully this will help with the muddy feet problem. Also the 'A' shape climbing frame has been renovated with a new section.

## **Equipment Plea**

The children have been asking for dolls prams, dolls and dolls clothes. Does anyone have any of the above that their children no longer play with?

## **Housekeeping**

We are trying to enrol in the governments' new childcare account scheme which may help some of you to save money. It's proving a little difficult at the moment, we'll keep you posted.

Please can I remind you that fees must be paid on time (according to the timetable below) as agreed to on yearly registration.

- Monthly cash/cheque, S/O or Bacs: on, or very near, the first of the month.
- Monthly salary sacrifice: 10 equal payments to be set up
- Weekly: one week in advance.

Last year a few parents did not adhere to these terms. Time was spent ringing, texting, emailing and personally asking for fees due. This is not a pleasant task and sometimes was met with hostility. Unfortunately persistent late payment, unless by arrangement, will incur a penalty charge from this school year.

Thank you for your help in this.

## **As usual**

If you have any ideas or thoughts on how we can improve our service to the children and you, please share them with us. Likewise if you need any information or clarification on any matter, you can email, put a note in the blue box on the fridge or speak to a member of staff.

With best regards

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