

JB's and Earlybirds

for the children of Baines Endowed School, Thornton

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Hello Everyone

A Happy New Year to those of you who I have not seen yet.

We are only two weeks into the new school year but it feels like we have been back ages. This is a short half term so only three weeks and we'll be on holiday again. How the year flies when it's split into terms!

Snow and Ice week

We've had a bit of a theme this week and luckily the weather joined in to help!



Places

As I mentioned in the last newsletter, our ratios have changed and we are now able to offer extra sessions. These are rapidly being taken up, so if you think you need extra sessions, please see Linda.

Missing Sessions

If your child is not going to be attending a booked JB's session, please inform us. You can text, voicemail, email, call into Earlybirds or leave a message with the office. We are spending too much time looking for children who have been collected. Likewise, if your child is attending a school based club and are also booked into JB's, but you decide to collect them from the school club, please, come to JB's to sign them out. Our obligation to you and your child does not end until they have been signed out. Thank you for your help with this.

Equipment

We have supported school by paying towards the new equipment in the KS2 playground. We are always looking for ways to keep the children active and thought this would be a good opportunity. Unfortunately some of the equipment is too large for the KS1 children to use, safely. Therefore they will be restricted in their choice. When the lighter nights come we will have our full range of runaround toys out so this shouldn't be too much of a problem for them.

Our new game, Pie Face, has proved a great hit.



Housekeeping

Please can I remind everyone that JB's closes at 5.30. If you think you're going to be late, as a one off, please phone us to give us warning. If not a fine of £5 pounds per five minutes will be charged.

Staff have their own children to collect, lifts arranged or other jobs to attend. Thank you for your help with this.

Also, a quick reminder, Earlybirds opens at 7.45 a.m., we need the time before then to set up for the session. Thank you for your help with this.

Hello Everyone,

I grew up in Dundee, Scotland then in June 2013 we decided to move to Poulton-le-Fylde. We have more recently moved to Bispham where I live with my husband, our teenage son and our older daughter.



I have worked at JB's and Earlybirds as a Playworker for just over a year now. I previously worked for, many years, in retail with Thorntons. I love my career change and enjoy the experience of working with your children. Early last year I gained a L3 TA qualification and currently I am studying for a Level 3 Qualification in Playwork, this has given me an insight into how play contributes to child development and how I can provide opportunities for play.

At home I enjoy cross-stitching, crafts, gardening and spending time with my family.

Sue Connelly

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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