

Finches News

Hello everyone and welcome back to the second half of the Summer term!

It has been lovely to see everyone this week. We hope you all enjoyed half term and that your children are returning with lots of energy and ready to learn! This is our final curriculum news of this academic year, so a HUGE thank you to everyone for all of your support throughout the year.

We are once again looking forward to this term's learning and are keen for the children to take part in all of our exciting experiences this coming term. We have a number of things planned, including a caterpillars to butterflies experience, bug hunts, a tortoise visit, The Big Toddle, International Week, Sports Day and hopefully a visit from Wild Science, where we will have the opportunity to interact with a number of different animals.

We will also begin to think about transition to 'big school' with our older children.

As always, if you have any questions or concerns, please do speak to one of us or pop a post on Tapestry and one of us will be in touch. Thank you again for your ongoing support.



Learning Owl Behaviours

Collaboration, Challenge, Perseverance Optimism, Pride, Independence

Managing Distractions



Rainbow Promise Values

Love, Forgiveness, Honesty

Patience, Support, Respect

Kindness, Joy, Peace

Reminders

Sun hats: As the weather starts to warm up, please remember to send a named sun hat each day.

Sun cream: It would be wise this term to apply long-lasting sun cream to your child before they come to Nursery. Bull Finch children can bring their own sun cream to Nursery in order to reapply it themselves at lunchtime. Please ensure any sun cream is named.

Coats/Cardigans/Jumpers: Please remember to check the weather, and bring a coat/cardigan/jumper for your child on days particularly when the weather may be cooler or forecast to rain.

Water bottles: Your child can help themselves to drinking water throughout the session so please remember to supply a named water bottle. Please also talk to your child about the importance of drinking.

Labels: Please remember to keep checking all items of clothing and any bags or bottles are named. We continue to find items that are not named. Let us know if you think you are missing something.

Jewellery: Jewellery should not be worn at school. Only stud earrings should be worn at any time.

Library: Please remember to bring book bags and library books to Nursery on a Monday. Each week your child will bring home a book from school to share.

Arrivals: If the Nursery gate is closed when you arrive, please use the doorbell on the fence. Thank you!



June/July 2024

Summer Term 2

Transition to School —What can I do at home?

Whenever you have time in your day, actively encourage your child to practise doing these things by themselves:

- Getting dressed, including socks and shoes
 - Putting on and zipping up a coat
 - Going to the toilet
 - Washing and drying hands
 - Wiping own nose
 - Eating with a knife and fork
 - Opening a food packet or wrapper
- Following a verbal instruction immediately
 - Asking for help
- Recognising their own name when it is written down

Tapestry

Thank you to everyone who posts on Tapestry. We love to see photographs of your children learning at home, and always make time for the children to share these with us, so please do continue to share these with us.

End of year

N2 children (moving to Reception)

Closer to the end of term we will give you a cut-off date for Tapestry uploads. Your child's Tapestry account is then made available for you to download as a PDF file to keep. Children staying at JP will continue into Reception with the same individual account. You will notice a new Reception account will be added before the end of term.

N1 children (staving in Nursery)

Your child's individual Tapestry account runs as usual over the summer holidays. You can continue to add observations if you choose to. We will make some updates to the whole class accounts before September to reflect the new academic year.

Important Dates

Monday 3rd June

Start of Summer Term, Term 6 begins

w/b 10th June

The 'Big Toddle'

Date and more info to follow, keep an eye on Tapestry for further updates.

w/b 17th June

International week

Tuesday 25th June

Sports day

w/b 1st July

Wild Science visit TBC

July

Transition activities for those moving to Reception in September

Wednesday 17th July

Last day of Nursery, usual timings.

Nursery Last Day of Term

IMPORTANT—Nursery finish for the summer on Wednesday 17th July.

Nursery return in September

Nursery re-opens to returning children on Monday 9th September 2024, usual session timings.

Children new to Nursery will be joining us the previous week for their transition visits and stay and play sessions. Over the course of the w/b 09/9/2023 the Nursery will return to full capacity.



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Summer Term 2 Planning: June/July 2024

Week	Key Topics for Learning	Upcoming Dates for Diary
Week 1	In the Garden: Minibeasts	w/b 3 rd June – Caterpillars delivered
Week 2	On Safari: Jungle animals	w/b 10th June - 'The Big Toddle'
		16th June - Father's Day
		16 th June tbc - Eid al-Adha
Week 3	Around the World: International	w/b 17th June – International Week
	Week (Mexico)	
Week 4	Around the World: the Olympics	Tuesday 25th June – Sports Day
Week 5	Patterns in Nature and Sound	w/b 1st July – Tortoise Visit
		w/b 1st July -Wild Science Visit (tbc)
		3 rd July – JP Moving Up Day
Week 6	Patterns in Nature and Sound	
	Cooking: Fruit kebabs	
Week 7	ek 7 Wednesday 17th July - Nursery Last Day of Term	
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