

**Terms 3 & 4 Winter Newsletter 2025**

Welcome back, we hope that you all had a festive Christmas and New Year. Firstly, we must thank you all for your kind Christmas gifts and good wishes. Thank you again for all of your kind contributions with the Christmas raffle it raised a fantastic £222.00

Our topic for the next couple of terms is ‘**Around the world in 55 days’**, we will be taking the children around some of the countries that have meaning to them and introducing a few others that we can learn things about and have fun along the way. Again this is a loosely based topic where we can link into lots of the different learning areas as you will see from our planning, it is a whistle stop tour, and some things we might spend longer on than others depending on what the children are enjoying ☺

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We begin again with the Letter Sound A and continue through the alphabet until we break up in July with XYZ. To help with matching items to the letter sounds the children can bring in items beginning with the letter sound (these items will stay on the sound table).

**Please make a note of the following dates for your diary.**

We will begin our **Stay and Play Sessions** **W/C 20th January**; a list will be up on the bench if you would like to come in. If your child has just started with us and still settling in, we might get you wait a few weeks until we feel they are happily settled. We have included **Parent/Grandparent Reading Weeks** then as well, so you can add names in on the same list.

**Jelly Bear** will begin his home visits **W/C 24th February**, the older children that will start school in September will get the chance to have him first and then the younger ones will get him the following year. We do have a sharing system (fingers crossed) so we will put a slip of paper inside the bag that will tell you when he has to come back into setting or go to another family. There will be a handful of you that I will speak too, where I need to ask if you would kindly pass him onto each other over the holiday periods, so I will need consent to pass on phone numbers and addresses. Please take pictures and share them on our closed Facebook Page as we all love to see what he has been up to ☺

**World Book Day** Thursday 7th March, so **Week Commencing the 3rd March** the children can come in dressed up as their favourite book or story characters.

**Our Easter Egg Hunts** will be after we return on **Tuesday 22nd April.** We will still have **The Decorate an Egg** competition sheets, these will go out to all children and you can pay your £1 entry when they come back after the break. These will be given out the last week of term **31st March** and winners selected on **Friday 25th April.**

Attached to this newsletter is the feedback from the questionnaires, thank you for all your lovely comments, I hope the responses attached will answer some of your feedback.

We are hoping to have some **‘special visitors’** come into setting during these terms which I will inform you about once they have confirmed dates. I will let you all know on our Facebook Group so that all children get the opportunity to take part.

**Valentines Disco** will be on **Wednesday 12th February 4.30 – 5.30** £2.00 (Fancy Dress optional)

**Bus Trip to West Swindon Library for Story Time W/C 24th February** (Non-session children welcome with parents). Details to follow

* Please **re label drink bottles, snack boxes & coats** with names as it can sometimes be a guessing game. Please continue to write names on bananas/oranges and label apples. Please try to avoid putting things in plastic bags and please continue to try for healthy options and remember the foods that could be a choking hazard.

Thank you ☺

* Please remember to tell us of all absences either by text on **07858158220** or via email jellytotsabc@hotmail.com
* I hope you enjoyed last terms photo’s on FB, please remember to check the page, as useful information will be posted on there first. Other important documents/letters from the DfE or Health Service, will be sent out via a blanket email. If your email addresses/phone numbers change, please let us know as soon as possible.
* Lastly, please remember we are **NOT ALLOWED TO PARK** in the school at any time **(unless you hold a blue badge)**. Can you also let your children’s pickups know. The school will be monitoring this; we only rent our mobile so this can cause us a problem going forward. ☹
* We now have a **Lost Property Box** under the bench so please look in there if you have something missing from your child’s bag; we are doing this, as we do not have enough room on pegs for left behind tops etc.
* **The Lending Library boxes** will be back on the bench for you to share with your children too. ☺

Please remember we are only at the end of a phone or email message if you have any concerns or worries, we will always try get back to you ASAP.

Happy New Year to you all. **Jan, Chris, Jo Jo, Mandy and Lucy**