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DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

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4-8th Dec –

Christmas Jumper Week

£1 each time you wear your Christmas jumper with the money going to

[Crackerjacks Children's Trust](#)

15th Dec –

Christmas Raffle draw (tickets available from 4th Dec)

Sat 16th Dec –

Christmas Party 9:30 - 11:30am

Term re-starts on

January 3rd 2024

as the 2nd is an NSET DAY

What have we been up to ... ?

Beginning of a new month and a definite chill in the air, welcome to December and to our new look newsletter ... the staff and children at Jack and Jill are keeping themselves warm with lots of movement activities and even more layers of clothing!



Jigsaw Jenie



"Could I BE wearing any more clothes"

DON'T FORGET – to apply for or renew your 30 hours funding! The cut-off date to receive codes is December 31st.

We have decided to give names to our different age groups, much like the schools do for their classes. Promoting connection to their peers, making planning and communication between the staff and parents easier and more efficient and most importantly, making the Admin Assistants job easier when writing newsletters and communicating with the setting! You'll see below the new names dedicated to each age group. Admin and the manager had a great time researching different options and their meanings before finally deciding. You can find out the reasons behind our choices on our website <https://jack-jill.eschools.co.uk/web> which will be added in the next few days.

Those who should be our Northolmes children ([now JACKSNIPE GROUP](#)) had a fantastic first trip to Happy Scamps.

In the Littlehaven Pre-school ([now JACKRABBIT TROOP](#)), Jigsaw Jenie has been helping us use kind words, celebrate 'difference' and problem solve.

Both Jacksnipe Group and Jackrabbit Troop have enjoyed lots of time in the community, taking part in Listening Walks, trips to the park, trips to Little Chicks and to the shops.

The wrap-around club ([now JACKAL CLUB](#)) has been creating a Christmas puppet show, as well as designing and creating lizards and dinosaurs.

Support us this month by ...

Donations of cardboard kitchen roll tubes would be really helpful for our Christmas craft activities

Donations for our Christmas raffle would be greatly appreciated.

DON'T FORGET – get your tickets for the Christmas Party and for the Christmas raffle ... please ask a member of staff.

Indoor shoes should be brought to every session!

WATER ONLY in the children's drink bottles please.

Please remember – we go out in all weather 'There's no such thing as bad weather, just bad clothing choices!' Please ensure your children come with relevant attire.

Jack & Jill Childcare



What's up next ... ?

It's time we started thinking about Christmas – much to Mrs. Shanley's dismay (she's never quite ready for it).

We will be swapping from EXPLORING OPPORTUNITIES with ... Jacksnipe Group – COLOUR

Jackrabbit Troop – BARRY THE FISH WITH FINGERS

Jackal Club – INDEPENDENCE

... and moving on to lots of fun Christmas crafts and activities. We will be looking at the change of seasons from Autumn to Winter with plenty of sparkle, Christmas music and dancing.

(Please see the support us section to the left).

Encouraging conversation at home ...

Things to think about in Jackrabbit Troop -

"What if Christmas, he thought, doesn't come from a store. What if Christmas...perhaps...means a little bit more!" - Dr Zeus

Discuss with your little Jackrabbit ...

If they could fly like Peter Pan or a bird, where would they fly to?

Things to think about in Jackal Club -

"Christmas is not a date. It's a state of mind." - Mary Ellen Chase

Discuss with your Jackal ...

If they could make magical cupcakes, what power would they give the person that eats them?

From the whole team at Jack & Jill Childcare, we wish each of our families a wonderful month ahead.