



Supporting children and young people with special needs, and their families

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Welcome!

Welcome to Jacob's Ladder's first ever newsletter. I really hope you enjoy reading about what we have been getting up to, and also hearing about what we have planned for the future.

The start of a newsletter is very exciting for me as it shows that we really must be growing! We have had many more children attending our projects over the summer, more young people involved in volunteering with us, and we now have regular inquiries from new families. It's been so lovely to meet lots of new children and we have had the most fantastic summer with our playscheme days and 'stay and play' sessions. The weather hasn't stopped us from getting out and about, wellies and coats have gone on and it's been a great excuse to splash in puddles! We've enjoyed swimming, a trip to the gym and trampolining, a visit to Brokerswood, time at soft play and generally enjoyed lots of lovely interaction with the children. We are now busily preparing for the start of after school club in September, and are excited to welcome some new children who will be attending for the first time.

Wishing you all a smooth transition back into school and we look forward to seeing many of you in a couple of weeks for club.

Kirsty x



Dates for your diaries...

- ➔ 29th & 30th August: We will be in Asda (Trowbridge) doing a bucket collection, pop in and say hello!
- ➔ 14th September: Start of after school club
- ➔ 2nd October: Jacob's Ladder's first birthday!
- ➔ 7th & 8th November: Stocking Filler Fair at Wilton Shopping Centre
- ➔ 5th December: Jacob's Ladder Christmas Fair (we know it's early but if you have any ideas for raising money over the festive period please let us know)

Jacob's Ladder's FIRST Birthday!

On Friday October 2nd Jacob's Ladder will be one! To celebrate a year of fun, excitement, challenges and success we would like to invite all families that attend our projects to an afternoon tea party. This will be held as part of our usual after school club. After school club will go ahead as normal but parents of Friday children will be invited to join us, as well as the children and parents of Monday and Thursday groups. More details to come soon...



Parents...

Please could parents and carers inform us of when their child's annual review is taking place, and ask the school for Jacob's Ladder to be invited. We want to work together with school, home and other services and would love to contribute to multi-agency meetings.



Welcomes and Goodbyes....

This time of year at Jacob's Ladder sees many changes with both staff and children. We are saying goodbye to some of our fabulous members of staff who are off to university. A huge thank you to Jenny, Sam and Jamie who have given Jacob's Ladder so much time and energy over the last few months. We wish you all the best of luck with your future plans.

Also goodbye to Amy. Amy has been with us from the very beginning of Jacob's Ladder and we cannot thank her enough for her endless energy, enthusiasm, commitment and love and support she has shown for the children. We will all miss her hugely but wish her the best of luck in her path to becoming a teacher. We know she will be fabulous!



This term we also say goodbye to one very lively boy with a love for anything blue, dragons and dressing up! We wish you lots of luck in your new school and look forward to seeing you in the holidays.

We are of course welcoming lots of new volunteers: Hollie, Maisie, Laura and Summer, and many new children. We have no doubt that you will all enjoy your time at Jacob's Ladder and we are super excited for you to a part of the Jacob's Ladder team.