



Questionnaire results

Although this newsletter is a little late again, we hope you will think it has been worth waiting for because we can now attach a full summary of your wonderful responses to our questionnaire. A new addition to the summary is the final section showing you how we have reacted to some of the suggestions made by you.

Collection of children

Under the provisions of the EYFS Welfare Requirements document we have to have permission for any person (other than parents) who will collect your child from Jolly Giraffes. The Who Can Collect Child (1) form you completed when your child started nursery gives us this, but in order to check that circumstances have not changed in the meantime we would like you to look at what you filled in so you can check the details of the people you have already authorised and any password you have designated. Hopefully you will already have looked at your child's form over the past week and made any necessary amendments, but if you have not, be warned, your child's Key Person will be grabbing you soon!!



Voucher schemes

Thank you very much for all the vouchers already handed in (collecting boxes are in the entrance hall). They are adding up nicely but we still have a long way to go for that Wormy Tunnel that Tracey has had her heart set on for the last couple of years and there are only a few weeks left before the chance to collect will be gone!!! (Please note—old vouchers from previous issues do not carry over.)



Medical information

Despite sending our the forms again to those parents who had still not responded, there are still lots outstanding. We are aware that it is an extra chore for you, but we are sure you would agree that it is in your child's best interest that our information is the most up to date possible. So please, please, please return any outstanding forms. If you have lost it please e-mail us and we can send you another.



Using our staff as babysitters

To bring us into line with new regulations for the safeguarding of children, you will find a disclaimer at the end of this newsletter, regarding the use of our staff as babysitters. We would be grateful if you would sign, detach and return this to us please. Thank you.

Employee of the Month

Congratulations to Lisa, April's Employee of the Month. Please feel free to join in the nominations—the forms are in the entrance hall. We always like to know when you think one of our staff has 'gone the extra mile' and you can be reassured that we do take note of your comments.





Another young achiever

Well done to Mia Wright who has taken part in the Jane Tomlinson Run for All on 10th May. She did the 1.5 km (with her big brother) to raise money for The Miscarriage Association. If you would like to support her by being a post-event sponsor she would be very grateful. You will find her sheet in Zippy Zebras. Thank you.

Welcome Back!

This week saw the return of Carolyn after her maternity leave and we are very pleased to have her back and the children in Happy Hippos have welcomed her warmly.



And a pending goodbye ...

... to this year's summer leavers from Running Rhinos. We are planning a party for them in the Methodist Church Hall on **Friday, 28th August**. We will be sending out invitations and fuller details in due course, but please make a note of the date if your child is one of this number.

Clear out your closets...

We have just replenished our dressing up clothes with some firm favourites (watch out for Cinderella sweeping and Spiderman scaling the walls!) but wondered if you could help us add an extra dimension to our collection. We would love some high heels (come on mums/aunties/grandmas you **MUST** have some dodgy shoes that you would not dream of wearing again, but hot pink or shiny seemed like a good idea at the time?!), some beads, dress rings, scarves, ties and hats. Please have a root around and see what you can pass our way as we can then help our children transform themselves into...**ANYTHING** and **ANYONE!** We hope that you will share in our idea to bring real shoes to the children as we feel there should be a balance between plastic children's dressing up shoes and the real thing and I am sure lots of you will have happy memories of walking around in 'clicky-clacky' shoes? We would also love contributions from dads/uncles/granddads too as **HUGE** trainers, work boots etc. would be lots of fun. Only one rule, no smelly ones please!!



Double buggies

If anyone has a double buggy gathering dust in a garage/loft we could offer it a very good home. Please let Sian/Tracey know if you have one that is no longer required as although we have an array of pushchairs we would always make very good use of more as all the rooms love to go out and about around the village.

Eek! Spots!!

There seems to be a strange virus around which is causing rashes resembling chicken pox or rubella. We have also had confirmed cases of both of these recently. Please keep children at home if you see any signs of a rash and check with your doctor. The general advice seems to be that contact with other children etc should be avoided for at least 5 days after the appearance of the rash.



Toys from home

PLEASE NOTE—we cannot accept any responsibility for toys brought from home—please do not allow your child to bring toys into nursery unless we have specifically asked to use them for an activity. Toys are expensive and breakages cause upset to both parties. If your child likes to bring something to play with on the journey, perhaps you could take it home when you leave them? Of course, we do not include comfort toys in this restriction.



Summer Fair

We are very happy to announce that we are going to have a Summer Fair this year. Please make a note of the date—**Saturday, 15th August**, and we will let you know more details later. Those of you who have been to one of our previous events will know that we use the proceeds from them to buy more lovely equipment for the children to learn with. It is also a really good social occasion, when parents can see staff on a more informal footing and have the chance to meet other parents and perhaps forge new friendships.

New arrivals

Congratulations to Millie D, Dylan, Georgia and Theo's families who have all welcomed new baby boys recently. We wish them all the best.



Very, very new arrivals

Stop press—the chicks are now hatching in Running Rhinos—such excitement!! We will be showing them to all the children (once they have dried out and are up and running!) but if any parents would like to have a peep, please feel free—perhaps towards the end of the week.

April and May birthdays

Many happy returns in April to Poppy on her 2nd birthday, Elliott I, Lucy T, Zoë, James P, Millie W, and Mia who were all 3, and Joshua K and Oliver W who were 4. May is a very quiet month for birthdays with only Ruby M reaching her first birthday and William becoming 2. All the very best to both of them.



Babysitting

In the past parents have approached members of staff with regard to babysitting during the evenings/at weekends etc. If staff members wish to undertake babysitting duties this will be entirely at their own discretion and parents/carers and staff members must make arrangements between themselves.

Parents' disclaimer

I/We understand that Jolly Giraffes cannot accept any responsibility for members of their staff used as babysitters outside nursery, whether on a paid or unpaid basis. Any such arrangement is completely separate from their employment at Jolly Giraffes and is solely a matter between myself/ourselves and them.

Signed Signed

Parent(s)/Guardian(s) of

Date