

JB's and Earlybirds

for the children of Baines Endowed School, Thornton



Newsletter: October 2020

Hello Everyone,

We are getting well into the swing of things and our new way of operating is becoming second nature to us all. When we do have to make a little “tweak”, the children do it easily. In fact, the children have been absolutely amazing, they have taken everything in their stride. I am so proud of all of them. You as parents have been great too, so “Thank You” you as well.

Another “Thank You” to Mrs Finney, Mrs Goksu, Mrs Harrison and all the school staff. Everyone has been so supportive and helpful, we couldn't have managed as well as we have without them. I'm sure you all agree we are lucky to be part of this brilliant school.

Dropping off and collecting your child/ren at the blue gate

On the whole this is working well with a few exceptions.

Earlybirds

Please can we ask that you do not drop off your child/ren without acknowledgement from a member of staff. There have been a couple of occasions where children have “just arrived”.

JB's

Please do not send siblings to collect children while you wait in the car.

As we can't operate the signing in/out system at the moment, we need to actually see a parent for safety, peace of mind and to know when our responsibility begins and ends.

We are aware none of this is ideal and are doing our best to be as efficient as possible. After half term and as the weather becomes darker, colder and wetter we suggest that you could ring the Club phone and we will try to gather your child and their belongings, to cut down your wait by the gate.

Fees

Mrs Harrison has been working extremely hard on the fees, I know there have been some issues, most of which are sorted now.

Any problems with invoices, email: jbsafterschool@gmail.com

As you know we are not able to accept cash or cheque payments. These are our bank details to allow you to pay by BACS.

JBs Club
HSBC
Victoria Square
Thornton Cleveleys
FY5 1AY
Sort code: 40-17-31
Acc num: 61202707

Snacks

Sadly, we are not able to offer our usual snacks due to many and various reasons. Some of which are: Our room has to be used by school until 3pm, JB's staff start work at 3pm and Y5/6 start with us at 3pm followed by Y3/4/1 at 3.10 and R/Y2 at 3.20. Therefore, there is no time to set up both of the rooms we use, supervise hand washing, prepare food and then wash up after the children have finished eating. The children want to get on with what they like to do, **play!**

We have been having pre-packed snacks with a longer shelf life, so we don't need to visit the shops as much. All the snacks have been nut free, under 110 calories a portion and suitable for vegetarians. We realise this is not ideal, so this week we will have fruit only at JB's and water/milk to drink. Earlybirds will be offered fruit/breakfast bar and water/milk to drink.

As soon as it is feasible we will try to introduce other things.

And finally

If you think of anything that needs more clarification, have any queries or can think of ways we can improve, please email.

With Kindest Regards
Linda and The Team



**PLAY IS THE WORK
OF CHILDREN. IT'S
VERY SERIOUS
STUFF.**