

# JB's and Earlybirds

for the children of Baines Endowed School, Thornton

**May 2021**

Hello Everyone,

What a washout the Bank Holiday was, hopefully the weather can only get better as the weeks go on.



On a positive note, look what arrived at school last week!

Tippie bars, well that's what we call them in Stockport where I come from. The bars have proved to be very popular, a few children were able to "tippie" already. As the week progressed lots of children mastered the skill by learning from each other, with five from Y1 learning in one session. They were so proud, we had to get Mr Jurczak to show him. I think we have proved too, it's not just a girl thing as I heard some children say.

Thank you to school, we have wanted these for ages.

## **Attending sessions**

If your child is booked in to attend a JB's session, please let us know if you are going to pick them up from school. It is causing a lot of worry when we don't know where your child is. You can email or phone before the session begins. Email and phone number at the end of the newsletter. If your child is due to attend Earlybirds, you don't need to let us know as we assume they are with you.

## **Goodbye**

We said Goodbye to Helen last week. Helen has been absent from JB's and Earlybirds since January 2020, following an accident, not at work. After taking advice from her doctor, Helen has had to take the decision to leave us. We wish her the very best for the future and with everything she goes on to do. We have also said a gradual goodbye to some of our Year 6 children who are increasing their independence by walking home in preparation for the move to high school. The children are still in school so we will see them everyday, just not in the club.

## **September Fees**

Unfortunately, we will have to increase fees from September. As you know it is a fine balancing act to make sure we have enough money coming in to cover outgoings such as salaries, rent, insurance and many, many more things. Added to this we have been restricted to the amount of children who are allowed to attend, thus affecting income.

If anyone wants a fuller explanation, I am happy to give it.

From September our fees will be: JB's £7.00 and Earlybirds £3.50.

We accept all the salary sacrifice schemes and also Childcare Choices through gov.uk.

For every £10 of childcare costs, you pay £8 and Childcare Choices pay £2. Information at [www.childcarechoices.gov.uk](http://www.childcarechoices.gov.uk).

We are going to continue with our invoice system, paying monthly in advance. Despite a few initial hiccups, it now seems to be working well and allows us to react more quickly to any changes. This does mean that each month fees will be different and not evened out as before.

## **And finally**

If you think of anything that needs more clarification, have any queries or can think of ways we can improve, please email. I will get back to you within the day.

With Kindest Regards,  
Linda and The Team.