

JB's and Earlybirds

for the children of Baines Endowed School, Thornton

December 2023

Number 4

Hello Everyone,

December, it's come on us so quickly! The children are getting excited and making the most of breaking into Christmas songs at every opportunity, especially at JB's. I love it, don't let them know, they think they are teasing me! It is a tradition that we don't mention the C word until December, just trying and keep a lid on things. However, with the Christmas card factory, things have happened a little bit sooner! Now it's December – No holds barred!

Kindness Counts

Our children were amazing last week, they made Christmas cards to support school in their endeavour to provide cards to those who may not receive any. We had quite a factory going on in both Earlybirds and JB's. Mrs Clueit and Mrs Weston were impressed!!!



Toys and games

Thank you to those parents and children who have given us the most amazing gifts of toys and games, they are much appreciated.

Fees

December fees should now have been paid. Please can I remind you that they are due on the 1st of the month, every month as per our terms and conditions, signed by all. Payments must be referenced with the month you are paying for. Also, I am sorry for saying this over and over again. Each month I am having to send out emails to say that fees have not been paid, this takes time that could have been spent with the children.

Unfortunately, places will have to be withdrawn or fines included, if this continues. Obviously in cases of genuine hardship, this will be treated accordingly.

A lot of people are now paying by either, the government scheme Childcare Choices, where you can save 20% on the cost of fees or the work based salary sacrifice schemes where you can also save 20%. If you claim Universal Credit or are in some kinds of further education, you can receive up to 85% towards childcare costs.

Registration sheet updates

We **still** have a lot of the green sheets that have not been returned. It is most important that we have up to date information. Please can you send yours in, if you have not already done so?

Just a couple of reminders

If your child is booked to attend JB's and you decide to collect from school, please will you let us know. We are spending a lot of time making sure children are safe.

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

