

JB's and Earlybirds

for the children of Baines Endowed School, Thornton

January 2024

Number 6

Hello Everyone,

Welcome back, I hope your break was everything you wanted it to be and you managed to have a relaxing time amongst all the madness.

Although we are in the midst of dark nights and cold weather, this term is called the Spring term, so we have everything stretching out in front of us to look forward to!

Unfortunately, it seems some of you will still be putting up with that terrible bypass for a while, let's hope that gets sorted soon.



Staffing

We have said Goodbye to Gillian Day, who has worked at Earlybirds, as well as school for many years. We will miss her but are sure she will enjoy her new career, something that is very dear to her heart. Debbie Kershaw who works at JB's and school will temporarily cover Earlybirds.

Fees

I really don't want to start the year with a complaint or moan but fees! Both Mrs Harrison and myself are spending so much time chasing up late or unpaid fees.

I have to say it is not everyone, many thanks to those who pay the correct money on time each month, it really does help. However, there are some parents that require multiple emails and phone calls before fees are paid. Unfortunately, this can't continue. Therefore, for parents who are consistent late or non-payers we will have to adhere strictly to the Terms and Conditions surrounding payment of fees, that all signed when registering their child/ren.

Payment of fees

*Fees are reviewed in April each year. The fees for this school year are: **JB's £8.00 and Earlybirds £4.00 a session.** Fees to be paid: - On the 1st monthly, via BACs, invoices issued at the end of the preceding month. Fees are payable for all sessions including when your child is sick (except when your child is absent from school for more than two continuous weeks, due to illness) or on holiday, regardless of the amount of notice given. We accept all childcare vouchers and the .gov childcare scheme. The club aims to keep the fees to a minimum, whilst still raising enough income to cover our running costs. **Fees should be paid promptly. Unfortunately, persistent late payment may result in your child's place being suspended and incur a fee of £10 to cover administration.***

To clarify, £10 to cover administration = two email reminders, then place suspended until full payment received.

Can I also mention a few other things?

It is important to send the correct amount requested on the invoice, if we keep getting sent rounded up over payments, they need reworking, with a running total each month.

Please reference payments with the month you are paying for.

Receipts: we are happy to give these, once we have the payment showing in our account.

Thanking you in anticipation of your help with this.

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