

Ecclesall Kids Club

Welcome to the Ecclesall Kids Club half termly Newsletter which we now call 'Snapshot' in line with our Crocodile logo! Thank you for your feedback so far, we hope you will continue to find these Newsletters useful, we hope to move to email format soon.

Playwork Principles

(part 2).

3. *The prime focus and essence of playwork is to support and facilitate the play process and this should inform the development of play policy, strategy, training and education.*
4. *For playworkers, the play process takes precedence and playworkers act as advocates for play when engaging with adult-led agendas.*

THANK YOU

to the wonderful Patrick Wallace who has built our new website for free. If you need a website please contact him at paw@urbanhermit.co.uk or see www.urbanhermit.co.uk

Coming Soon.

After the Easter break look out for **phase 1** of the club website we are developing.

<http://ecclesallkids.club/ekc>

During the early summer look out for our online parent survey.

EYFS

Our Early Years Foundation Stage (EYFS) topic for next term is 'Growth'. We will read Jack and the Beanstalk and make, draw and grow our own Beanstalks from seed to help us understand how plants grow and change.



Holiday Club

Having a great day out at Whirlow Farm



The Next Holiday Club.

Our next holiday club is the summer half term. Tuesday 30 May–Friday 2 June. **Please book by 19 May.**

THANK YOU to all the parents who are helping us modernise by agreeing to get their invoice by email.

Introducing

I'm Tony Dobson. Together with a friend and neighbour I started Ecclesall Kids Club in 1995 and have been a member of the Management Committee ever since. My daughter was at the Club on its first day whilst in Year 1—she is now 27!



Tony Dobson

I've been involved with schools in a number of roles over the years: I've been a governor at Ecclesall Infants and Bents Green School as well as Chair of The Ecclesall Schools parents' association. Prior to my current job I worked in a support role at High Storrs School. I am currently the practice manager at the PDSA which is a veterinary charity.



Julie Eades

I'm Julie Eades, I have 2 children who attend the after school club, one at the infants, and one at the juniors. I have worked as a physiotherapist on a spinal injuries unit for the past 10 years. I have developed a good understanding of how to ensure safe practice, good communication, implement change and supervision. I have been on the committee for 2 years and am able to use many of these skills in helping to develop the club. At present I am supervising the manager and Buddying staff.

On average our staff have to spend 15 minutes trying to locate a child or contact parents who haven't let us know their child is not coming to club. This means we lose valuable time focussing on the other children in that club session. Due to safeguarding we must act quickly to locate an expected child.

What we've done this term.

Thanks to those parents who have completed our new registration forms, it's crucial we have this information and that it's up to date as it isn't information we regularly share with school as we are an independent service.

We're currently doing a survey to ask all our children what they like about Kids Club and what they'd like us to do differently—we have had lots of very helpful and fascinating responses! We'll share these with you when the survey is closed.

Thank You

To one of our parents Cathy Kelland who kindly sourced and fitted a recycled kitchen for us at the infants for free.

What we did last half term

Infants

We have been learning about vehicles and journeys. We made vehicle masks and paper planes.



We made Easter Baskets.

Juniors

We enjoyed pancake day with a special snack.



We made lots of stuffed animals

We made mothers' day flowers



What we are planning next half term

Infants

Healthy Eating with food art and crafts.

Planting seeds and seeing how they grow.

Looking at animal families and seeing how they change.



Juniors

- In line with some early feedback from the children survey we will be offering a selection at snack-times.
- The winners from our Funny Bunny competition are Antonio, Anna and Grace
- And lots more including fathers' day.

Kids' Corner

Q) What do you call a crocodile with a sat-nav?

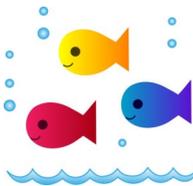
A) A Navi-gator!

Q) What's worse than a crocodile coming to dinner?

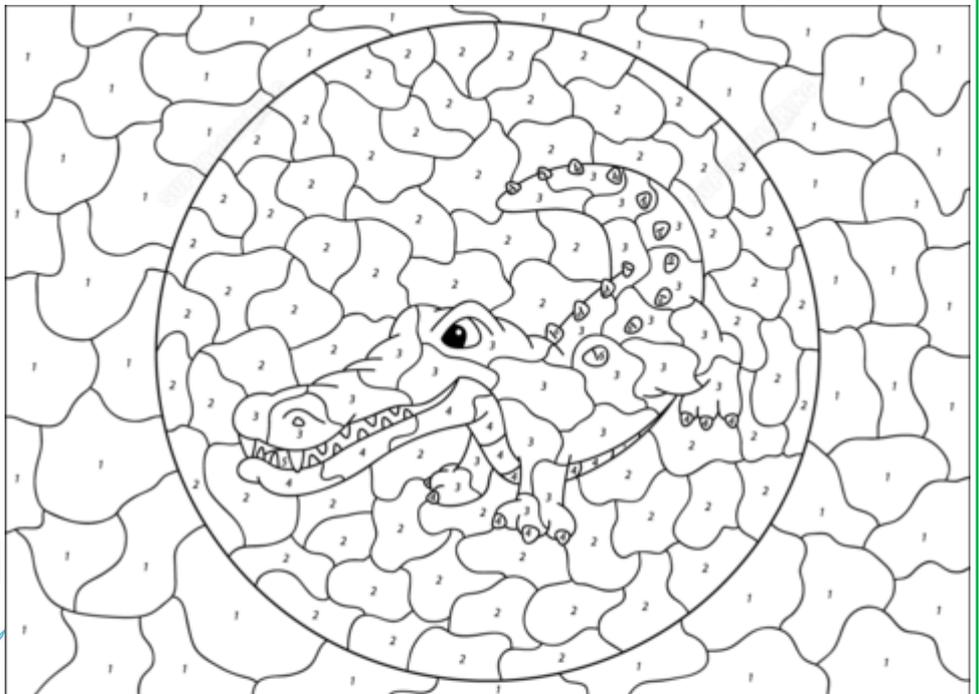
A) Two of them!



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Can you explain?



Competition!

Infants—there is a colouring competition. The prize is a Pikachu.

Juniors—there is a wordsearch. The prize is a game.

Check the website www.ecclesallkids.club/ekc/kids-corner/ for details

