

# KIDS CLUB NEWSLETTER



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## Welcome

This is our First Snapshot Newsletter of this academic year, we hope our new parents find this helpful in keeping up with our news and finding out what the children have been doing and will be doing at Ecclesall Kids Club throughout the year.

Don't forget our website [www.ecclesallkids.club/ekc/](http://www.ecclesallkids.club/ekc/) which has everything you need to know, this can be accessed through the school homepages too.

## OFSTED Report 2017

We are checked independently against National Childcare Standards and early education teaching standards by OFSTED and our Infants Club has recently be rated as "good".

Go the link below for the full Ofsted reports:  
<http://www.ecclesallkids.club/ekc/wp-content/uploads/2017/06/ofsted-EKC-infant.pdf>

## Parent Survey



We've extended the deadline for our on line parent survey to 21st October, as we haven't had enough responses, please take this opportunity to tell us what we're doing well and where you'd like us to improve, your feedback is important to us <http://www.ecclesallkids.club/ekc/surveys/parent-survey/>

## Infant Club Relocation



A big thank you to our infant parents for their patience whilst we are sorting the teething problems from our move into our temporary location in the Infants Dining Hall, the door has been a particular challenge but we're getting there. The staff have done a fantastic job in settling the children in and the children themselves are happy with the move. We hope to start to enrich our area more now we're getting used to the space. May we ask our new infant parents and carers to introduce themselves when they come into school if we haven't met you before and you don't usually do pick up or drop off. We can only release children to people who we know and who are authorised on our registration form.

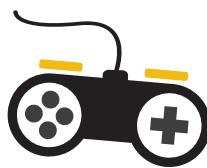
## New Faces

We'd like to say thank you and goodbye to Ellie Jacobs who has gone to University and hello to our new Playworkers **Jabeen Akhtar, Janet Brown** (juniors ) and **Caitlin Robinson** (infants).

## AGM

The Annual General Meeting is on the **14th of Nov** at 7.30pm at the Banner Cross Pub.

## Child Survey



Thank you to our children for participating in our Child Survey as a result we have added new healthy options to our menu, cucumber being very popular ! We've purchased a Wii console and some new games for juniors as well as some new DVDs.

At infants we've also added new items to the menu and we're looking at some new resources including age banded games and some basic tec toys. We'll be purchasing some new outdoor play items too.

## Late Pick ups

We realise a late pick up can happen to anyone of us at sometime, but this does happen in some cases on repeated occasions each term, our contract with the school is only until the time club ends and neither the caretakers or some of our staff can go home until all our children are picked up.



Our staff are keeping a record of these incidences and if there is a pattern we will be writing to the parents concerned and we may have no alternative but to charge due to extra staff wages we need to cover and overtime costs to the school as the caretakers cannot finish their shift. We are grateful for your understanding on this.

## What's on at Infants

Early Years Foundation Stage  
(EYFS) Reception



Our EYFS topic this term is Myself and other animals, we are making clay models of animals, making self portraits, doing lifesized drawings of ourselves by drawing round ourselves on big paper! Next term we'll be doing lots of activities around colour, lights and festivals including dancing, making rockets and lanterns and giant rainbows. If you want to know more about what we do to support EYFS through play see our website:

<http://www.ecclesallkids.club/ekc/early-years-foundation-stage/>

## Magic Booking



We need all parents/carers to create an account on the new system and register their children by Friday 27 October 2017. How to register...

- Please go to the link below:

[ecclesallkidsclub.magicbooking.co.uk](http://ecclesallkidsclub.magicbooking.co.uk)

- Click "Create an account" button, follow the on-screen instructions
- Magic Booking will send you an email to validate your account
- Click the "Add child" button

## Y1 and Y2 Children

As well as reading, drawing and playing games inside, we've have been crafting with hama beads, chalks, scratch art, and we're getting ready to make lots of Halloween and Bonfire Night themed crafts. When the weather has been kind to us we've been skateboarding, skipping, playing swingball, going on the scooters and playing football.



## Committee

Our Club is a not for profit organisation run by a committee of parents who are users of the club, we need and welcome new members without them your club cannot continue. We are holding our AGM in November and welcome all parent members to attend, details will be on our website shortly. We would particularly welcome applications from our financially skilled parents, eg accountants as our Treasurer is soon to step down. Please contact us at: [ecclesallkids@gmail.com](mailto:ecclesallkids@gmail.com) for more details.

## What's on at Junior Club

We've made bead chimes, painted tiles, made badges, junk modelled and made 3D character boxes. We are currently making clay bowls, weaving and we are celebrating Diwali with crafts and snacks. With one eye on Christmas we've been stocking up on our glitter for sparkly times ahead!

