

# KIDS CLUB NEWSLETTER



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## Welcome

Welcome back to Kids Club and our first Newsletter of the New Year ! Our Parent Survey told us that you like what we are doing to communicate with you, and that you like our website, we know we can always improve on communication, so please continue to tell us what we do well and where you think we can improve. We'll be sharing the results on our website shortly.

## Staff Changes

We'd like to say goodbye and good luck to June Parker (Infants) and Jane Taylor (Juniors) who have retired after many years working with us. We would like to welcome Tom Turner (Juniors) and Hazel Whittaker (Infants) to our team.

## Changes to Location



Due to the building works around school we are having to make occasional unavoidable changes to the way we run the club, for example we successfully ran October holiday club from Bents Green Church and on 23<sup>rd</sup> October we ran infants afterschool from the Junior School. We had a super film night with popcorn and lots of combined age appropriate activities which the children really enjoyed. We are grateful to our parents for their understanding, we will always try to give you the maximum notice of any changes and we will always maintain the best levels of care we can at all times.

## AGM - New Committee Members

We held our AGM on the 14th November, the existing Voluntary Management Committee were re-elected with Andrew Newman as Chair. Our Treasurer wishes to step down in the very near future as his child is in Y6, we need a new Treasurer and new Committee Members. Without new members your club can't continue so please contact us on [ecclesallkids@gmail.com](mailto:ecclesallkids@gmail.com) if you can help.



## Magic Booking - Progress so Far

Thank you to our parents who have registered with Magic Booking, our new on line booking and payment system. We nearly have 100% registration now and we are hoping to go live at some point before Easter 2018.



We are introducing the system to support our modernisation, and to free up our staff from administration to enable them to focus on your children and to respond to the points you raised in the Parent Survey about how we can make the booking and payment process simpler for you. Before we go live we need to ensure we have all the policies and processes in place and our staff have the training to feel confident in using the system.

We'll share instructions and our new policy that supports the system in plenty of time before go live. We'll also tell you about the features and benefits of the system including the ability to advance book for longer than the half term we have now, the ability to set up a monthly payment plan, the reintroduction of credits and the ability to late book adhoc sessions for those times you need extra flexibility to meet your childcare needs.





## Juniors – what we did and what we're doing

We enjoyed making Pudsey Bear Headbands and puppets to promote Children in Need. We also made bunnies out of old gloves ! We loved making big intricate snowflakes to decorate the junior school for Christmas and the Christmas Fair and opening our Santa's workshop to make Christmas crafts and treats to eat.

After Christmas we're crocheting squares to make a big kids club cuddle blanket.

## Y1/Y2 children - what we did and what we're doing

We enjoyed making tree decorations, sponge and handprint reindeer pictures, making stars out of pipe cleaners and we made (and ate!) Christmas biscuits too. We have used lots of glitter and sparkles to make our crafts look really festive.



## What's on at Infants Early Years Foundation Stage (EYFS) Reception



We've been painting bonfire and firework pictures to support our EYFS topic of our Colour, Light and Celebrations, we've also been making colourful Pudsey Bears to raise awareness of Children In Need. In Spring term 1, our EYFS topic is Once Upon A time and Materials; we're going to be doing lots of arts and crafts around fairy tales, looking at story books and making some fairy tale pictures and models.

## One Club 2018

We are starting to look at how we will merge the Infants and Junior clubs over this year to become one club in September 2018 to support the new Ecclesall Primary. You may have noticed that our Junior and Infants staff are starting to interchange between the clubs and this is all part of gaining a wider understanding of the needs of a different age range of children, how we can build our team and deliver an integrated service and a fresh approach at Go Live. We'll be telling you about our journey and seeking your feedback as we progress, we still want to retain our family friendly approach but we want to introduce some new ideas to maximise the range of activities for our children and improve our service too.



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## ADHOC Bookings

We would like to remind parents that in line with our bookings policy adhoc bookings must be paid in the club when booking or as soon as possible afterward by cheque or cash at the club. Adhoc bookings do not form part of our invoicing process and result in delays to invoice issuing and errors as the invoices are prepared earlier in the half term than adhoc bookings might occur.

## Early Drop Offs and Late Pick Ups

We'd politely like to remind parents to drop off at breakfast club no earlier than 7.40am, as we only rent the space from school and are insured from that time. Our staff are there a few minutes before this to set things up for the day before we can open our doors. We also need parents to ensure they leave the premises by 5.45pm, because our staff need the last few minutes of their shift to tidy up and the school caretakers need us out of the building to lock up. Thank you for helping us with this.



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