

KIDS CLUB NEWSLETTER



FEB/MAR 2018

Our Journey so far...

We've changed a lot over this past year, we have a website, a survey (parent and child), we have upgraded training for all our staff and we'll have gone live with an on line booking and payments system (hopefully by the time you read this Newsletter). We still have lots to do to make ourselves "One club 2018". We're listening to your feedback and we thank you for your support in helping us to be the modern club you want us to be whilst still retaining a secure and supportive family environment.

Staff Changes

Goodbye to Robin Whittaker who leaves us to pursue his career in physiotherapy but hello to Tom Cribb our new student supply member of staff who is an excellent tennis coach.

Tax free Childcare Vouchers

We are now registered to accept Tax Free Childcare (TFC) Vouchers. If you register with HMRC to use that service please email the club to tell us at ecclesallkids@gmail.com and let us know the long digit reference number HMRC give you. Unfortunately HMRC do not notify us when you register or when you make a payment as other voucher providers do, there is no access for us to check an on line record of payments either. The payments you make will not have your child's name on them when they go into our bank account just the reference number so it will really help us to know who is registered, your reference number and any payments you intend to make so we can ensure we account for your payments.

Parents we Need You!

We are by far the cheapest provision in the area (including holiday club) and one of the cheapest in Sheffield. We manage this because we are "not for profit" and by having a minimal infrastructure (that's why we are only available in the main when we are open) and by being run by a group of volunteer parents we keep our overheads low. We need more parents on our Committee to help us run our club, especially a Treasurer – without you our club cannot continue. Come and help us set our strategic direction for the future.

Adhoc bookings – thank you!

Thank you for your patience in helping us with our transition to Magic Booking by paying for your adhoc sessions as you book them in the club. This means we can reconcile the main invoices much earlier in the half term to support go Live. We will also need to continue this method for booking adhoc sessions that would take place between February half term and Easter, adhoc sessions will be available to book on line for all future sessions.





Juniors - what we're doing now

We are making monster glove toys. We have lots of celebrations planned starting with Chinese New Year, we're making a big Chinese Dragon and trying different Chinese foods. Then we're all hearts and flowers for Valentine's Day with lots of hearts and red crafts around our club.

Juniors next term

We're going green and celebrating St Patrick's Day in style, doing world crafts and we're making gifts for Mothers Day or making a gift for another special person who deserves one... shhhsh it's a secret.

Infants this term

We are making some lovely puppets and crafts using beads. We are also celebrating the Year of the dog with lots of colourful dog crafts.

We are making pictures using lolly sticks with a nursery rhyme or story book theme.

Early Years (EYFS)

Our Early Years topic last term was Once Upon a Time - we've been making gingerbread and decorating it. We've also made our very own real Hansel and Gretel gingerbread house complete with sweeties. This term our topic will be Journeys. Please see our displays and gallery on the Club website for pictures of our wonderful creations.

Holiday Club Trip Days reminder

Please remember if your child is coming to a session where there is a trip, please arrive by 8.30am if it's a morning/ full day trip and 1pm if it's a half day trip. As we rely on public transport if we miss our bus we have to cut our trip short or we'll miss the start of our film. We will always leave a note for those who have dropped off late to tell you how you can meet us at the venue if we have to leave. Our website has information on what you need to pack if your child comes to holiday club. We provide drinks and snack but not lunch unless we specify that.

E- Safety and Social Media

We don't allow the use of mobile phones in our clubs (they are stored safely away in club time) and we don't use the internet but the children do talk about their use of the internet and social media so it is an area we take interest in. To help you navigate the fast-moving, ever-changing world of social apps and games, **Netware** is a site that reviews the benefits/ risks of the most popular social networks and apps plus tips for safe use. **Techadvisor** has lots of tips how to keep children/ teens safe online and provides information on the best parental control software. *Internet matters.org* contains excellent advice on how to open up lines of communication as well as practical tips on how to stop cyberbullying situations. **KidSMART** is an organisation dedicated to teaching children how to stay safe online with their simple S.M.A.R.T. rules. Please see the E Safety page on our website:

www.ecclesallkids.club/ekc/e-safety



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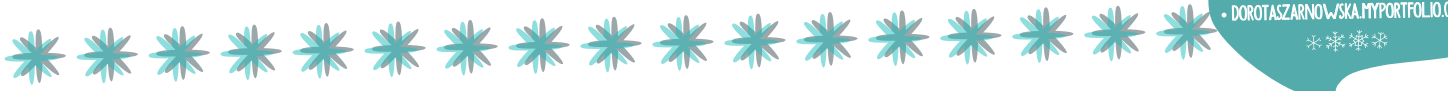
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