

KIDS CLUB

NEWSLETTER



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WELCOME



As we are a much bigger club we've changed the structure of our Leadership Team. We now have 3 Play Supervisors in our setting; Ian Grayson, Denise Bluff and Emma Thackery. They will be leading the check out reception to allow them to get to know our parents. As a team we've been busy refining our new club operating model, processes and procedures to allow us to maximise our space and buy new resources to make our new primary club the best it can be.

Please see our website for information about our club and team: <http://www.ecclesallkids.club/ekc/>

NEW LANDLINE - 0114 2681116

We are pleased to tell you we now have a landline where you can contact us in club hours or leave a voicemail message.

Though we want all cancelled sessions to be done via Magic Booking, we know this is not always possible on the day you need to cancel. **Please feel free to leave a voicemail message if you need to cancel on the day** and this will save valuable staff time searching for children who have gone on play dates or been picked up by their parents from school instead of coming to

club. This will allow us to focus our time on any child who may genuinely be missing. The email address is not continually manned so we may not pick up your message in time so please use the landline.

We will be writing to parents who continually fail to notify us that their child/children are not coming to club. They risk a financial penalty or potentially having their places rescinded, due to the staff time taken out of our setting looking for children who are not actually missing.

NEW FACES



Chloe Schooling has recently joined our team. As Chloe is a physics graduate, some of your children will be enjoying a "Science and Space" session with her at our February Holiday Club.

CHILDRENS SURVEY



We currently have 2 students with us, finding out what the children like or dislike about our new club. We'll also be running a Parent Survey later in the year for you to give us your feedback. In the mean time please feel free to email us and let us have your thoughts.

CANCELLING BOOKINGS - Credit period reduced from 30 days to 20 days - we want to reduce it further !

Please cancel your bookings via Magic Booking wherever you can, the instructions are here <http://www.ecclesallkids.club/ekc/how-to-cancel-bookings/>. We've reduced the period you can receive a credit for a cancelled booking from 30 days down to 20 days before the start date of that booking. We want to reduce it further, but we can't do this unless more parents use Magic Booking to cancel.

Magic Booking works at its most efficient if parents cancel spaces they don't need; we maximise our spaces and those parents who need an emergency space can get one. This is particularly important on Tuesdays and Wednesday afterschool when we are full to capacity. For the first time in many years the efficiency of Magic Booking means we have no waiting lists at all, so thank you to our parents who are already doing this.

LATE PICK UP – we are open until 6pm each evening now (except Holiday Club)

In response to parent and carer requests our club is now open until 6pm every evening.

MAGIC BOOKING WILL APPLY A CHARGE OF £15 FOR ANY LATE PICK UPS CHECKED OUT AFTER 6PM EVEN IF ITS 6.01PM.

This is to cover the cost of at least two staff (this is a safeguarding and insurance requirement) staying beyond our close time to look after children who are still with us after we have closed. Please remember our staff need to get home too and some travel a long way, also Mr Moffatt the school care taker cannot lock up the School until we've left.

CRAFTING CRAZY



As always we have been doing some amazing crafts. We have been adapting our crafts to ensure they can be accessed by all ages and are still offering things that are a little more challenging for our older children.

So far this half term we have been making pomp poms, snappy animals, pasta jewellery, straw skeletons, animal masks and cute clay hedgehogs with bits and bobs from the garden !

NEW COMMITTEE MEMBERS

We are delighted to welcome some new parents onto our Voluntary Management Committee. We'll be introducing them in our next newsletter and on our website when we have completed the Ofsted processes required to formalise their membership. We are very grateful to those parents, without them we could not have our club.

EARLY YEARS FOUNDATION STAGE (EYFS)

Our EYFS topic this term is "Once Upon a Time". The children have been talking about Jack and the Bean stalk, including growing their own beanstalk and making three little pig pictures. Our Reception key workers have been working hard to make all our new children feel at home as well as familiarising themselves with the children through the "All About Me" forms that you completed. They are also busy putting together a "My First Year Folder" as a keepsake of their first year in our club.

This folder will be given to parents at the end of the school year. Please feel free to speak to your child's keyworker at any time to see how they are getting on or ask the Play Supervisors to find out how they are getting on. Emma Thackery is our EYFS lead practitioner for the setting.

BREAKFAST CLUB

Please do not use the school car park if you are dropping off for Breakfast Club after 7.55am as the teachers need to use the carpark from that time. We stop serving full breakfast at 8.20am as we only have until 8.30am to access the kitchen and clean our toasters and cereal bowls before Taylor Shaw meals start to prepare their lunch service. Children arriving after 8.20am will be offered a drink and a take away snack eg brioche or pancakes and some fruit.

