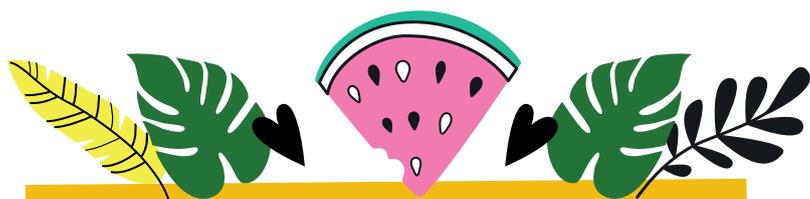


KIDS CLUB

NEWSLETTER



May 2019



Holiday Club Information – Trialling 8am – 6pm Opening and a New Format in May!

**We are trialling new Holiday Club opening hours in
May 8am - 6pm or half days, 8.00 -1pm or 1pm - 6.00pm.**

Please ensure you drop off at 8.00am if we are going on a trip from holiday club and ensure that you pick your child up at 1pm if you are only booking a morning session only, this is even more important if we are going on a trip in the afternoon as we need to leave on time to have a successful trip. Please see our new and exciting programme, rather than a theme for the day we have moved to lots of activities scheduled throughout the day so there will be activities that will appeal to all children each day. Please see the programme in club, on our website:

<http://www.ecclesallkids.club/ekc/>

or on the Magic Booking Holiday Club page (PDF attachment).

Staff Changes



We are pleased to Welcome **Natalie Lunn** our new Club Play Manager, Natalie brings a wealth of qualifications and experience from her previous club.

We are pleased to be strengthening our team with three new qualified and experienced members of staff,

Sharon Rodgers, Suzanna Parker and Sarah Appleton. Though we will sadly be saying goodbye to some of our supply staff who are due to start their A level or University exams, we welcome two new supply staff **Ivy Wymer** and **Alec Yates** who like their predecessors are both keen sports coaches.

Internet Safety – Online Pack for Parents and Carers

Following on from Safer Internet Day on 5th February 2019, though we don't use the internet in club, the fact we have gaming and tablets gives us a perfect opportunity to talk to children about internet safety and to promote its safe use. Parents tell us they feel this area is a mine field and are struggling to keep up with developments. Many parents are surprised when we tell them the minimum age for children having accounts on various commonly used platforms e.g. Tic-toc is 13 years old, yet much younger children use these sites. Children openly tell us they are aware of bullying occurring in games such as Fortnite and inappropriate discussions on Roblox and we have fed this back to parents on pick up.

The UK Safer Internet Centre has produced a parents and carers pack <https://www.saferinternet.org.uk/safer-internet-day/safer-internet-day-2019/education-packs/activities-parents-and-carers> that really helps demystify this for parents and carers and we highly recommend it, more excellent resources, games and films are available on www.saferinternet.org.uk.

See our E Safety page on our website for more resources and advice <http://www.ecclesallkids.club/ekc/e-safety/>

Children's Survey

We have had two fantastic Duke of Edinburgh students, **Jayni** and **Daisy** who have been working with us to survey all of our children. We are using the results to decide which resources we should purchase and decide if we might need to make changes in the club. These have made for fascinating reading and we have some great suggestions, unfortunately we won't be installing the requested boxing ring or swimming pool! The survey will be published on our website shortly.

What's on at Infants

Early Years Foundation Stage (EYFS)
Reception

Welcome new reception parents, our lead EYFS Practitioner, **Emma Thackery** is currently allocating your children to their key workers ready for September. You'll soon be sent an "All About Me" booklet to complete to help your key worker get to know your child before they start with us, please complete this with your child and return it to us as soon as you can. For our current reception parents, we are well on our way to completing the book of your child first year in our club, we look forward to sharing these with you so you can take them home before the end of the school year.

The EYFS topic this term is Growth. The children will be growing cress and beans, doing hand paintings with the staff and older children so we can look at how our hands get bigger - as we do. We'll be playing with a variety of toy animals to see how piglets become pigs and lambs become sheep when they grow up. We'll measure ourselves to see if we grow at all this term!

Lets get Crafting

As always we have been doing some fantastic crafts, making dinosaurs that pop up out of eggs and our own red noses out of egg boxes as well as making some very long strings out of loom bands.

Resources

Following the surprising success of our trial with outdoor "Wiggle" Cars, we have purchased more as children of all ages love them. We'll be buying more wheeled resources as well as hoops and skipping ropes and we've been having hours of fun with these. The children have asked for more complex construction toys and radio controlled vehicles in the Children's Survey; we've bought some of these and are trying them out in club. We have a lovely new pool table and ice hockey table.

New Committee members

We are very pleased to welcome **Catherine Hayden**, **Louise Jones** and **Bob Johnson** as members of our Management Committee. We are very grateful to these parents whose presence on the Committee is essential for us to continue to deliver a sustainable not for profit club, run by parents for parents.

Please don't park directly outside the Club

Please do not park outside our steps or in the turning circle beside the club at any time. We request that parents consider the safety of our children and park in the designated school parking spaces in the main car park at all times. The only exception being any parent who needs to park closer due to a disability they or their child has which means they must park close to our entrance, just as they would need to access a school entrance.



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