

KIDS CLUB NEWSLETTER



Winter 2020

Thank you to Julie Eades

The Committee would like to thank our Voluntary Management Committee Secretary, Julie Eades for all her hard work in supporting the Committee in her role as Secretary and Safeguarding Lead. Julie is leaving the Committee after 4 and a half years work helping us to lead the modernisation of the Club. Our Voluntary Parent Committee sets the direction for the club and leads, our strategic direction, policies and finance, we welcome new parents to join us, please email us at ecclesallkids@gmail.com for more information.



Magic Booking News

We have been working with Magic Booking to understand why the system outage occurred in November 2019. We are assured this was due to one-off issue and Magic Booking have worked closely with Microsoft to address the cause. Magic Booking use load balancing to improve the distribution of their servers and this prevents the site from going down, this normally allows thousands of parents to be logged on at a time. Magic Booking is currently undergoing an upgrade including making cancellations easier for parents, we have shared the feedback parents have given us with Magic Booking and we'll continue to ask you for views on how we can improve your experience when using the system.

Please check your bookings as soon as you made them

Please check your Booking Invoice or your Magic Booking "My Bookings and My Account" to ensure you have booked the correct sessions as soon as possible after you make your booking. It is the responsibility of the parent to ensure their booking is correct, we are happy to help you to rectify any problems if they are identified soon after the booking is made. Unfortunately where sessions on peak days are identified as missing, weeks down the line there is unlikely to be the capacity for us to help you to reinstate your missing regular sessions.



Starters and Leavers

Zulakha Imran and Sherradee Pilgrim, have just joined us from nursery and childcare backgrounds, both are experienced level 3 Early Years Practitioners. They replace Tomiya Kubo and Ellie Smith who left us to pursue careers in their study areas.

Our Premises and facilities

As well as the Dining Hall, Tec Zone in the gallery (which allows free flow from and to the outdoors) we also have the use of the Studio on busy days, with activities aimed exclusively at our older children. In our Tec Zone, we have tablets, Wii, Xbox, DS Lite and Kid Zoom (all tailored to the different age groups) as well as table football, hockey, table tennis and snooker. Our free flow, supported by a door list and Walkie talkies allows children to have a full choice of where they go and when, whilst we always know where they are. Both these areas address the areas Ofsted asked us to develop at our last inspection.





SENDCO and ENCO

Our Deputy Play Manager Emma Thackery is now the Special Educational Needs and Disabilities Coordinator (SENDCO) for the club. Emma will be supported by Denise Bluff and Sarah Appleton who has joined us from the Rowan School where she gained experience in promoting and supporting inclusion. Denise Bluff will also take on the role of Equality Named Coordinator (ENCO). Please feel free to chat to either Emma or Denise if you have any questions or concerns.

Why do we have a low maximum (currently £50) debt limit which prevents us from booking ?

In each newsletter we'll answer a question or questions we get asked fairly regularly. Our club is a not for profit club, most of the money we make goes straight back into running the club except for a modest business reserve we need to keep. The £50 debt is only accrued for sessions that haven't been paid for that are overdue; sessions become payable 30 days before they occur. These debts are usually forgotten adhoc sessions, Holiday Club sessions and sometimes a regular payment in a payment plan that has missed the deadline. If all our parents were in debt by the £50 limit, the club would carry £25,000 debt, so having a debt limit and reminding parents about outstanding debt allows us to secure the financial future of your club. Where we can we do send reminders to parents to clear any forgotten payments.

Staff qualifications and Continuing Professional Development

Recruitment in our sector is getting increasingly more difficult as the demand for childcare increases. We invest in our people, and are currently supporting two of our staff through their level 2 Early Years Practitioner qualifications. As well as a suite of mandatory training including First Aid and Safeguarding, all our staff have access to a suite of training through Educare to support their Continuing Professional Development (CPD).

Holiday Club Dates

At parents request we publish the next years Holiday Club Dates in early July each year on our website. In case you missed them here are this years Holiday Club dates:

- Mon 6th April 2020 – Thursday 9th April 2020 (closed 10th April Good Friday)**
- Tuesday 26th May 2020 – Friday 29th May 2020 (closed 25th May Bank Holiday)**
- 20th July – 24th July 2020**
- 27th July – 31st July 2020**
- 3rd August – 7th August 2020**
- 10th August – 14th August 2020**



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