

# KIDS CLUB

## NEWSLETTER



Summer 2023

### Ecclesall Kids Club is Now a Charity - New Parent Trustees Needed

At last we have completed the long journey to move from a not for profit organisation to a registered Charity. Our new constitution is on our website Out of school care for 4-11 year old (**[ecclesallkids.club](http://ecclesallkids.club)**). Our Charity number is 1200322 and our new Ofsted registration number is **2725053 (formerly 300856)**. We govern kids club via a Board of parent Trustees, we always need new parents to drive our strategic direction and help us to improve our provision, we need new members as we can't continue the club without our parent volunteers.

### Early Years Foundation Stage EYFS

Last term our Early Years (reception) children have been following the topic of Journeys. We have used our imaginations and made lots of junk model modes of transport. We also followed instructions to create some amazing pictures of cars and trains. Alongside this we've thought about journeys we have been on and what we've seen on those journeys. This half term we are exploring the topic of growth, the children have been looking at how they have changed over the year they have been with us and also looking at how plants and baby animals grow too. We have had lots of activities around the coronation and have been drawing and making crowns for King Charles.

As we transition our Early Years children to Y1 we will be sending them home with their EKC scrap book, we hope our Reception parents enjoy reading these as much as we have enjoyed making them with the children. It's lovely for us to make these books and see just how much the children have grown and developed in the time they have been with us.

### Trialling our New Space

Following the redesign of the KS2 gallery space we have moved our KS2 children into the Dining hall in readiness for September to support the demand for places in KS2 club. Our staff are welcoming the opportunity to try out their own (and the children's) ideas for the space to ensure we maximise the play choices we can offer them. Our KS1 children including current reception have moved into the remodelled gallery and studio in readiness for September. Our Early Years staff are using this as an opportunity to try out new resources and our new quiet corner for reading and reflective play.

### Children's Activities

The children have been making the most of the lighter nights and our new floodlights enabling them to play outside for longer. After a day at school, there is nothing better than having the opportunity to burn their energy off or rest and relax if that's what they choose. Meanwhile inside, crafts have once again been a popular choice, the children have enjoyed making a variety of crafts that have included pom pom creations and coronation crafts.

As always the children love their junk modelling and painting, their creativity never ceases to amaze us, constructing robots, trains and animals from scratch. We have purchased a number of new games and fine motor skills toys as a result of our child led survey, these are accessible from trolleys so children have lots of choice about how they play and what they play with.

Though we have a few planned activities each day, we follow the PARS framework for play which focuses on child led play. **Read more about PARS here [PARS \(ecclesallkids.club\)](http://ecclesallkids.club)**

## Snack

Please be aware at afterschool we serve a small healthy snack on arrival at club, the snack is a wrap, sandwich, fresh fruit and crudités but is not a main meal. Fresh water is replenished throughout the session. If you'd like to know more about our food choices please see our healthy eating policy **healthy-eating-policy-02.23.pdf** (ecclesallkids.club)

## Cancelling Bookings

If you need to cancel a session more than 24 hours before it starts please use Magic Booking. If you need to cancel a session within 24 hours of it taking place please leave a message on the club voicemail on 2681116 you can do this 24/7. Please avoid emails if you can as **ecclesallkids@gmail** is only manned for a few hours each day and we may miss your email.

We have time at the start of each session to check the voicemail and can remove your child from the register if they aren't coming to club. If a parents don't cancel our staff spend time trying to locate missing children who have not turned up and we have no choice but to call parents to find out where their child is for safeguarding reasons. Trying to locate children who aren't missing diverts staff time away from caring for the children who are in club.

## Goodbye to our Y6 children

We are starting to say goodbye to our Y6 children as they make the transition to secondary school, many have grown with us during their time at Kids club. We wish them well in their new schools.



## Update Your Child's Details and Your Communication Preferences On Magic Booking

Please ensure our email **address ecclesallkids@gmail.com** is added to your email address book, in some cases our emails are going into parents spam so you won't be receiving our communications. Please also check your communication preferences on **Magic Booking**, if you have declined to accept our communications we can't inform you about important matters and Holiday Club dates.

This is a good time of year to update your child's details on Magic Booking it's really easy to do. Their medical details, emergency contact details and collectors details need to be updated as soon as those details change to enable us to care for your child and safeguard them.



## A Big Thank You and Bye To Dorota

A big thank you and farewell to Dorota our wonderful Y6 parent who makes all our newsletters look so lovely. If we have any parent graphic designers or artists who can step into Dorota's shoes please email **ecclesallkids@gmail.com**

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DOROTA SZARNOWSKA  
-JUNIOR PARENT-  
LOVE & BYE :)

