



KIDS CLUB NEWSLETTER

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Welcome to our new Kids Club parents and our existing parents, we send out our Snapshot newsletter to supplement our existing communications and let you know more about us and what your children have been doing whilst with us.



KIDS CLUB CHARITY – OUR COMMITTEE NEEDS YOU SO WE CAN CONTINUE TO RUN

Did you know Kids Club is a registered Charity run by a Committee of parent Trustees who set our strategic direction? Though we support the school by providing our wraparound service we are a completely independent of the school and let our spaces from them, we run on a not for profit basis. Our mission is to provide quality ongoing childcare places for the year for as many parents as we are able at the cheapest possible session price. If we have occasional places left over we are always happy to try and accommodate ad hoc bookings too. Our Committee has a number of members leaving us this AGM as their children have left or will be this year and we need to replace them to ensure we have enough Trustees to continue to deliver your childcare. If you'd like to know more please come along to our AGM or email ecclesallkids@gmail.com. You'll find details of our current Committee here [Our Committee \(ecclesallkids.club\)](http://Our Committee (ecclesallkids.club)).

KIDS CLUB ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING (AGM)

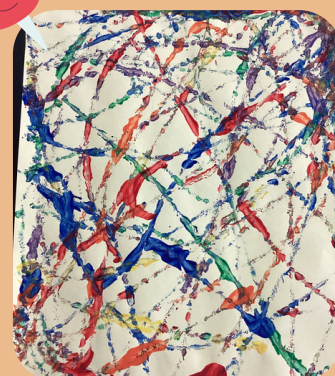
Kids Club AGM will be held in school on the 4th December at 7pm, accessed via the Kids Club entrance. All parents who use the club are most welcome to come along and find out more about us and what we do. Our constitution sets out how we are governed and how we operate [CIO-Foundation-Doc.pdf \(ecclesallkids.club\)](http://CIO-Foundation-Doc.pdf (ecclesallkids.club)). We look forward to meeting you.

LEAVERS AND JOINERS

Emma Biddles our Play Manager has left Kids Club after six years of excellent service as she has gained a post in Ecclesall Primary, we thank Emma for her hard work whilst with us and wish her luck in her teaching career. Tammy Mason has replaced Emma as our EYFS lead and has extensive experience and qualifications in nursery and wrap around care, please see her bio here [Management Team \(ecclesallkids.club\)](http://Management Team (ecclesallkids.club)). Denise Brown is leaving Kids Club, before the Christmas break, after 7 years, your new Business and HR Manager will be Kelsey Adams- Poole, look out for her bio on our website soon.

EARLY YEARS FOUNDATION STAGE AND KS1 CHILDREN (RECEPTION TO Y2)

Our EYFS topic this term is colour, communities and celebrations. In KS1, we have mixed up the planning to involve more active learning, having the children explore more using physical activities, rather than worksheets. This may mean they get a little messier than usual, but the learning opportunities are worth it. Activities such as, marble painting for bonfire night, explores colours and celebrations, whilst construction play with sand, water and diggers represents all the building work we keep seeing in our community. We have also incorporated more oral health awareness by having dentist roleplay and new dental games on the tablets. The children have thoroughly enjoyed these, especially doing fillings. We have a new display as you enter the club, please check it out.



KS2 CHILDREN (Y3-Y6)

In KS2 our older children have been using our new space in the hall for more active games inside, such as archery and table tennis. We hope to incorporate more team games as the weather outside becomes colder and rainier. We have already purchased some new games and construction toys for when the children start to spend more time inside. Our reading area has also become very popular as we have sourced some great second-hand books. If you have any unwanted bean bags at home that you would like to donate, then please let us know. We recently asked the children what they have been enjoying for snack in focus groups and have changed the menu slightly. Unfortunately, a PS5 console during snack wasn't possible :0)

KIDS CLUB PARENT SURVEY

We are conducting our child surveys and focus groups to find out what the children want from kids club and we will shortly be carrying out our Kids Club Parent Survey, you'll be sent a link to allow you to feed in your views. Please complete our survey so we know where we are doing well and where you feel we can improve, your views will be taken into account when shaping our service.

CANCELLING YOUR SESSIONS

Please cancel sessions you don't need on Magic Booking it helps create ad hoc sessions for everyone who might need them, if you need help to do this use this guide [cancelling-bookings.Aug._23.pdf \(ecclesallkids.club\)](#). **If you need to cancel within 24 hours of the session commencing please leave a message on our voicemail on 2681116 you can do this 24/7, rather than emailing and then we will know your child's whereabouts so we don't think they are missing.** If we can't locate your child we will need to contact you and if we can't contact you we may have no option but to contact the police to report a missing child in line with our policy on safeguarding children.

HOLIDAY CLUB

We run a not for profit Holiday Club for EPS children and children in the wider community using our existing staff who volunteer. Acting on your feedback about the need to plan your childcare just as you do in term time you can expect us to be going live with Holiday Club much earlier in future.