



## Class of Their Own After School Club Newsletter

Dear Parent,

Welcome to the After School Club newsletter!  
Remember, back issues of our newsletter are now available on our website. [Click here](#) to access our newsletter archive.

### Holiday Club Update

Feedback from October Half term has been great – lots of children have enjoyed the Folk Tale and Fantasy week, and storyteller Jamie Crawford was a big hit with the children, he kept the children and adults engaged with his stories and he was described as mesmerising!

Plans are well underway for the Christmas Holidays, we will be opening in at least 4 clubs for the week before Christmas. We need to confirm our bookings with the schools, and details will be online week commencing 7<sup>th</sup> November. We will not be open anywhere between Christmas and New Year (babysitters will be available during that week).

In this newsletter you will find:

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### Invoice Due Date

Your invoice for this half term is due for payment before Friday 11<sup>th</sup> November. Please do pay on time!

If you have any comments or feedback then please do not hesitate to contact us.

Kind Regards

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### Parent Forum - 2nd November

It is not too late to register for our Parent Forum at 7.30pm on Wednesday 2<sup>nd</sup> November at St Paul's School in Brighton.

The Parent Forum is a great way for you to let us know your thoughts.

The last Parent Forum was really constructive, and we hope to welcome some new parents to our forthcoming Forum. We are hoping a group of around 20 parents will join us.

Please [click here](#) for more information.



### Children Absent from After School Club

If your child is not attending the After School Club, you **MUST** let us know.

We have to be able to account for your child's whereabouts, this is time consuming and takes a team member away from children in the club.

You can text or call the club mobile – you do not have to remember to do it later in the day.

### Children's Coats

It is our policy to ensure that all children wear coats when they go outside on cold days. We acknowledge that some children get too hot when they are running around, and if they are too hot, they will be able to take their coat off, but they must put it on to go outside. This will be explained to children, and we would appreciate it if you could also let them know.

### Reduced Rate Bus Tickets

We have negotiated a deal with Brighton and Hove Buses that allows us to sell reduced rate tickets to parents at a cheaper rate than buying on the bus or in a shop. Tickets are available in the club or from our office. Please speak to your club supervisor if you would like to buy a ticket.

Tickets	Shop Price	Class Of Their Own Discounted Rate	Saving
1 day saver	£3.50	£3.40	10p
5 pack of one day savers	£17.50	£17.00	50p
Seven day saver	£17.50	£17.00	50p
4 pack of seven day savers	£62.00	£58.00	£4
Monthly pass	£62.00	£58.00	£4

### **Parent Questionnaire**

Thank you to everyone who took the time to respond to our annual parent questionnaire. At a first look, the results appear to be really positive, however, we always analyse them closely to try and find ways to improve. Congratulations to Hannah Duberry, a parent at St Paul's who won the £75 Class Of Their Own voucher. One hundred and fifty people responded to the questionnaire, helping us to raise £75 for Rockinghorse, our charity of the year.

### **Adverse Weather Closure Insurance**

Following the adverse weather we have experienced over the past couple of years, we launched our adverse weather insurance policy earlier this year. We have never factored a 'reserve' into our pricing to allow us to pay the team if the club is now open, and we do not feel that it is fair to automatically impose an increase in prices on all parents 'in case it snows'. We have therefore decided to give parents the option to take out an insurance policy, which will cover their After School Club fees in the event of closure due to adverse weather. Please [click here](#) for more information.

### **Children's Parties**

Our children's party service is going from strength to strength, and with parties taking place every weekend. Parties are tailored to each individual child's favourite games and activities and recent parties have included a teddy bear's picnic, get crafty, dinosaurs and a cowgirl party.

[Click here](#) for parties for 4 – 7 year olds

[Click here](#) for 'learn to...' parties for children aged 8+

### **Babysitting**

Got awkward childcare arrangements that do not fit in with Breakfast, After School or Holiday Club? Our babysitting service will be able to help! In addition to providing

babysitters for a traditional night out, our service also caters for irregular working patterns, and we have babysitting assignments taking place every week with pick ups from After School Clubs, drop offs to breakfast clubs, or covering awkward Inset days. [Click here](#) for more information about our babysitting service.



### Club News

We have said goodbye to our regular team member Sarah who has now gone back home to Sweden.

Rob will now be working with us most days at the club. Rob is a qualified and experienced playworker and it is great to have him in the team.



### Club News

The children at club really enjoy their outdoor play and we have been encouraging them by keeping them supplied with new skateboards, lots of crates and boxes and materials to be creative outside.



### Club News

REMINDER: Please remember to contact the club with any changes about your child attending, especially which other clubs they will be attending after school and if they need collecting later than 3.15pm. You can leave a text message anytime; we always put the phone on from 3pm to check messages.

Regards,

Cath, Carol and the Benfield team