



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 7th November. We will not be open anywhere between Christmas and New Year (babysitters will be available during that week).

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Invoice Due Date

Your invoice for this half term is due for payment before Friday 11th 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 2nd 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.



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Activity update

We are going to introduce a cooking activity each week for the children to take part in. We have tried this in the past and have not been very adventurous making rice crispie cakes and iced biscuits.

This term we are going to attempt more challenging things such as chocolate truffles, flapjacks, mince pies, peppermint creams and cheese straws. If you have any tried and tested recipes that your child likes making please share them with us.

We are a bit limited due to time restraints – it



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Staff Update

There are going to be 2 major changes to the staff team from January. Clair will no longer be working at the club, she is not leaving the company but will be working full time in the office. We are sure she will be back at the club from time to time but will be sad to say goodbye to the children.

Ju will be leaving the company at Christmas, she has worked at the club ever since it started and has watched a lot of your children grow up! She is very sad to be leaving us and likewise I



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New routine

Now that it is getting darker earlier we will be coming inside from 5.30 each day and playing group games.

When we did this last year the children seemed to really enjoy it, we had difficulty with some not wanting to stop playing the game to go home!

We will have a selection of games to play as well as using the parachute and wheelie boards more. It will lead to the hall being much noisier than normal so be prepared!

We will still have a couple of quiet activities out for

takes much longer to prepare the food with a group of 10 or so children and then get it cooked ready to take home so quick recipes are welcomed!

am sure all the children, parents and staff team will miss her.

those who really don't want to join in the games.

We are planning a party to say farewell to Clair and Ju on Thursday 16th December. Look out for more details nearer the time when we have finalised the plans for the party. We will also keep you informed regarding the new supervisor who will replace them.