



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.



Club News

This first half of the term has gone by really fast at Swiss Gardens; we have been getting to know each other again and settling into a routine after the long summer holidays!

We've had lots of changes since July; we've said a sad goodbye to our Year 6 children- the first ever Year 6 at Swiss Gardens! We have also welcomed new faces, both children and two new playworkers to the team: Vanessa and Paula.

Vanessa is working in the club from Tuesdays to Fridays; she has a



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We have also introduced some new activities and games to the club, we have celebrated Halloween and made lots of spooky ghosts and witches!

We also have taken part in National Baking Week, and have made some delicious brownies, which I'm sure the children enjoyed eating as well as making!

Next term we hit the ground running with the real Halloween day, closely followed by Firework night and then Christmas is almost upon us!



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As a club we are aware that school uniforms are expensive, and that we do not want children to ruin their clothes, and make more work for parents, so we have made a rule stating that if children want to enjoy messy play like painting or clay modelling, they must wear an apron.

We are appealing to all parents for old t-shirts, shirts or any type of garment which could be used as an apron, as we would love to allow the children to all paint at the same time, and build and paint things as a larger group. If you do have any old shirts etc., they would be gratefully received by the children!

degree in Fine Art and has lots of creative ideas for activities to keep your children happy in club, so they will be bringing home lots of new creations and paintings for the refrigerator!

Paula comes to us from other areas of childcare, she has a teenage son who used to attend Class of Their Own clubs when he was younger, and we are delighted that she has decided to come and work with us at Swiss Gardens!

We intend to invite representatives from the Emergency Services to come and meet the children and tell them more about what they do and how they can help keep themselves safe and well in the future.

We also intend to celebrate firework night, and mark the week by making a guy and having some sparklers- hopefully we will have more success with them than we did last year!

We also will continue to offer lots of opportunities for the children to cook and make different things for their snacks and treats.

As the weather is getting colder, and the evenings are darker, we have created a new policy. In the cold weather, the children must wear their coats if they are playing outside. If they get hot, they are free to take them off, but they must have their coat outside with them as we don't want any child becoming ill through cold. We really do appreciate your support in enforcing this for the children's own

You may also be aware that the After School Club has been experiencing difficulties with the doorbell, and that it may or may not work or be in place at any given time. This has not only been an annoyance for you as parents, but also an inconvenience for us.

We would like to thank you all for your patience whilst this issue is being addressed, and to inform you that hopefully soon we will have our own permanent doorbell, so that we will be able to let you in and out without problems.

If you have any further suggestions or ideas for the club, we would appreciate any suggestions or feedback to help us enable your child to have a lovely time at club!

Regards,

Sarah-Louise, Rosie,
Vanessa and Paula

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