



Newsletter

Welcome

To a new school year and a special welcome to those of you who started after school club for the first time. We all hope your child will enjoy their time with us and have a lot of fun along the way.

On behalf of all the staff I would like to say a very BIG thank you to everyone for their kind words, generosity and all the lovely gifts we received at the end of term.

During the first few weeks of this term we have been concentrating on settling in the new children and children returning from the summer break.

The children have been allocated a key person who will work closely with your child and answer any of your questions or concerns. In some cases there may be a change to your child's key person due to session changes and/or staff work patterns. Confirmation of key persons will be sent out in due course.

Holiday Club At Netley Abbey Junior School

Although there was some initial uncertainty regarding whether or not the holiday club would run this summer, in fact it was very well attended and we would like to thank everyone for their support!

We would like to extend a special thank you to everyone who booked sessions in advance; this makes our lives so much easier our planning needs to be done well in advance. We do plan to run a holiday club during October half term at Netley Abbey Junior School.

25th to 29th Oct 2010

We've already received quite a few bookings.

So please join us if you wish to keep this service going. Ask your club play leader for a booking form or download one from our website: www.creativekidz.org.uk

Thank you!

CELEBRATION OF PLAY

On Thursday 7th Oct the annual "Celebration of play!" awards were held in Eastleigh.

Out of school childcare providers from the North West and Central area, including Eastleigh, Test Valley and Winchester areas attended.

Congratulations to the entire Creative Kidz team as we managed to scoop **SIX** awards in total, including **TWO** special achievement awards.



For the Eastleigh area we were presented with a volunteer award as well as certificates for: Team work and Inclusive Practice.

Our Bishops Waltham setting was presented with an award for play practice and a Special Achievement award for managing to set up the club in 3 weeks!!!

But the best award of all was another special achievement award for "Best club" nominated by children attending our Bishops Waltham club!

MANY THANKS TO ALL THE PARENTS AND CHILDREN WE COULDN'T DO IT WITHOUT YOU, THANK YOU ALL FOR YOUR CONTINUED SUPPORT!

BREAKFAST CLUB

Can all parents please ensure that they drop children off prior to 8.20am if they want their child to have breakfast as we cannot serve breakfast past this time?

The school cook's need to start their day at around 8.30am therefore we need to finish serving breakfast and pack away before they start.

Thank you for your understanding.

STAFF CHANGES

As do most out of school clubs, we have found it extremely difficult to recruit suitable staff that are not only capable to fulfill the role of a play worker, but that are also trained, willing and qualified to do so. This can be due to many issues:

- Notoriously childcare is not a very well paid sector.
- The hours are minimal and irregular.
- The hours don't fit around family life very well.
- Substantial amount of ongoing training commitments (mainly at weekends)

It is an extremely demanding role involving a massive amount of dedication and a passion for working with children. Over the past year our staff turnover has been higher than average at one of our settings and we just want you to know that this is something that we are aware of and we are trying overcome in order to maintain stability for the children, The welfare of the children as always is paramount!

AFTER SCHOOL ACTIVITIES

If your child starts a new club please inform us in advance! This will save a lot of chasing about and possible missing child reports! Additionally please let your club supervisor know as soon as possible if your child no longer attends an after school club, every second counts! Our Play-Leaders need to know when to expect your child!

OUTSTANDING FEES

Can all parents please make sure that payments are made by the 1st of every month?

We have a large amount of outstanding fees carried over every month and this is becoming a huge issue!

OUTSTANDING FEES FOR SEPT

HAMBLE = £774.00

NETLEY ABBEY =£1218.00

BISHOPS WALTHAM =£899.20

ST JOHNS-£368.90

TOTAL = £3260.10

This is having a huge impact on the activities we are able to provide for your children! Please make sure you pay your invoices on time!

Any outstanding invoice will incur a £5 administration charge.

Thank you to all customers who do pay on time, your efforts are much appreciated! 😊

REQUESTS FROM THE HEADTEACHERS

(Hamble and Netley Abbey only)

Under no circumstances, either before school or after, should anyone park in the staff car park, if you are using a car to collect your children please park in the car park's adjacent to the school grounds. This is a condition of our license agreement!



MANY CONGRATULATIONS TO MICHELLE AND HER HUSBAND WIEHAN WHO ARE EXPECTING A BABY IN JANUARY!