



Contact us: 02380455603

Tel: 02380455603

E-mail: admin@creativekidz.org.uk

Web: www.creativekidz.org.uk

NEWSLETTER—NOV/DEC 2011



It's official -
We're **OUTSTANDING!**



We are extremely proud to officially inform you that the recent OFSTED inspection of our Holiday Play scheme at Hamble Sports Pavilion, has found our provision **OUTSTANDING!**

The Staff and Children at the setting have worked incredibly hard to make this happen, and we would like to thank and congratulate them all.

The full report can be found on the Ofsted website:

<http://www.ofsted.gov.uk/inspection-reports/find-inspection-report/provider/CARE/EY427758>

We also have a link on our website: www.creativekidz.org.uk

The overall effectiveness:

"Children have fun and thrive in the fully inclusive and nurturing environment the holiday play scheme provides. The extremely strong relationships forged with parents and others involved in children's care ensures all their individual needs are met successfully. The exceptionally effective management structure of the play scheme provides outstanding leadership to the enthusiastic, well qualified team of staff. This results in all aspects of the setting operating safely and efficiently. This has a significant impact on children's enjoyment, care and development. Overall, continuous and rigorous self-evaluation brings about improvements that greatly improve outcomes for children."

We are running over the Christmas period from 19th to 23rd December 2011, from 8am until 6pm!

*Special offers: **Buy 4 sessions and get one free!!!....**plus, if you have older children who wish to attend the sports complex activities, you will receive a 50% discount if you also book with us, on the same day, making a full day's childcare for 2 children **£27.50!!!!***

There will be lots of fun and games, and what a great opportunity for you to do some last minute Christmas shopping or enjoy your work Christmas meal!!



Settling in

We're pleased to report a smooth introduction to the new term, and would like to extend a special welcome to those of you who have recently joined us. We all hope your child will enjoy their time with us and I'm sure have a lot of fun along the way. 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.

If you have a child in reception year, if you haven't already returned your child's "All about me" sheet, please could you do so as soon as possible so that we can add this to your child's profile diary. This is an Ofsted requirement!

Recycling- Request for resources.



From time to time we plan activities which need resources which are difficult to source, we will be using this section of our newsletter to request resources, you may commonly find at home. Please recycle these items by sending them in so that the children can make good use of them.

All items must be clean, in good condition, and cannot be used to contain nuts or eggs.

We currently need:

- ◇ Coat hangers
- ◇ Boxes (nothing that has contained nuts or eggs please)
- ◇ Yoghurt pots
- ◇ Old material/fabric
- ◇ Newspapers
- ◇ Old Shirts for painting
- ◇ Ribbon
- ◇ Shells
- ◇ Kitchen paper rolls (no toilet rolls please)
- ◇ Large stones-to use as paperweights
- ◇ Used birthday/Christmas cards etc.
- ◇ Anything that could be used for craft purposes
- ◇ Plastic bottles/containers

Please also bear us in mind if your have a clear-out before Christmas or your child had grown too big for their bikes, scooters, toys games, books etc., anything play related in good condition.

ACHIEVEMENT

We are pleased to report that the new reward system introduced at the beginning of term has gone down a storm.

All children are working hard to make their time at breakfast and after school club enjoyable!

The staff have reported a huge improvement in behaviour overall.

We have decided to enhance this scheme by asking for your input.

We would like to ask all parents/carers to let us know if their child has made an achievement of any kind, this could be anything that he or she may be proud of, to overcoming a fear or trying something new, to helping a friend in need or a sporting achievement!

You can let us know by sending an e-mail to your child's setting, e-mail addresses are on page 3 of this newsletter, or by using an achievement slip which you can find on the parents desk within the setting or on our website.

These achievements will be shared with the group at snack time so that we can all congratulate them.

We hope that this will assist us all in building effective parent/carer partnerships.

IMPORTANT INFORMATION! -NEW E-MAIL ADDRESSES

Each setting now has a laptop enabling staff to send and receive e-mails amongst other things.

This means that you can now e-mail absence reports.

The laptop and mobile phones are still unmanned out of hours (**8.45am -3pm**) but please still leave a message as they will be collected once the supervisors arrive and set up. We hope this makes it easier to let us know if your child isn't going to attend for any reason.

Please do not send an absence report to the office address as this we are often out of the office, in meetings etc, and may not get the message in time!

The e-mail addresses for our settings are as follows:

Hamble—hamble@creativekidz.org.uk

Netley Abbey—netley@creativekidz.org.uk

Bishops Waltham—bishopswaltham@creativekidz.org.uk

St Johns the Baptist—stjohns@creativekidz.org.uk

Swanmore —swanmore@creativekidz.org.uk

The office e-mail address is now:

admin@creativekidz.org.uk

Late Collection

We do understand that sometimes this is unavoidable but please make sure that you have a contingency plan in place as it seems that this is becoming an increasing problem and is causing many issues for staff.

Please consider the following:

- ◆ our insurance cover run's out at 6pm daily.
- ◆ we are only registered to care for children during published opening hours.
- ◆ many members of our team use public transport to travel to and from work and as this is limited after 6pm, this means that on the occasions that children are not collected until after 6pm, they are not getting home to their families until late into the evening.

In addition to this, the relationship we have with site managers at each of our settings is vital to operation and if we are late out of the building, they have to stay on later in order to lock up.

They are not paid for this and are not

happy to do so, therefore please take all this into consideration.

Your co-operation in this matter really would be appreciated, thank you!

Fun & Fitness

Pre-School Sports Equipment Giveaway

We've registered to take part in the Haven Fun and Fitness Pre-school Sports equipment giveaway. It's a great scheme to provide **FREE** sports equipment for our children.

There's no voucher collection or purchase required-but we do need your support. Its very easy!

- 1) Click on www.havenfunfirrness.com
- 2) Find us on the list of pre-schools and nurseries (our pages have been personalised for easy recognition) there is a page for each setting:
 - ◆ Creative Kidz Hamble
 - ◆ Creative Kidz Netley Abbey
 - ◆ Creative Kidz Bishops Waltham
 - ◆ Creative Kidz St Johns
 - ◆ Creative Kidz Swanmore
- 3) Follow the instructions to register your support-and leave a message if you'd like to?
- 4) You will receive an e-mail from the website to confirm that you would like to support us. You then just need to click where indicated on the e-mail in order to verify your support- and that's it!

If enough parents support our settings, we will receive the free equipment, and if all parents support us we'll receive the bonus item as well. It only takes a few minutes, so **PLEASE** take the time to visit the website.

Last year we managed to gain over 80% support and we received a large box of outdoor equipment, this year we've registered all settings separately, so let's see if we can manage to get some free equipment for each one?

Many Thanks!!

WET PLAY

Although we are almost at the end of term, it seems we are now in the 'wet' season. You can guarantee that if it is going to rain it normally does at the end of school.



In order to allow us to continue to be able to access the outdoor space even if it is raining, please provide your child with a named coat for this purpose.

Diary Dates

Thurs 15th Dec

Creative Kidz- Last day before Christmas break

Friday 16th Dec

Breakfast clubs will open, but **All** after school clubs will be **Closed**

Mon 19th to Fri 23rd Dec

Holiday play scheme at Hamble sports pavilion 8am to 6pm Monday to Friday. Book now, availability limited.

Tues 3rd Jan 2012

1st day back-St Johns and Swanmore

Weds 4th Jan 2012

1st day back-Hamble, Netley Abbey, Bishops Waltham.

Playwork principles

These principles establish the professional and ethical framework for playwork, and describe what is unique about play and playwork, and provide the playwork perspective for working with children and young people.

They are based on the recognition that children and young people's capacity for positive development will be enhanced if given access to the broadest range of environments and play opportunities:

1. All children and young people need to play. The impulse to play is innate. Play is a biological, psychological and social necessity, and is fundamental to the healthy development and well being of individuals and communities.
2. Play is a process that is freely chosen, personally directed and intrinsically motivated. That is, children and young people determine and control the content and intent of their play, by following their own instincts, ideas and interests, in their own way for their own reasons.
3. The prime focus and essence of playwork is to support and facilitate the play process and this should inform the development of play policy, strategy, training and education.
4. For playworkers, the play process takes precedence and playworkers act as advocates for play when engaging with adult led agendas.
5. The role of the playworker is to support all children and young people in the creation of a space in which they can play.
6. The playworker's response to children and young people playing is based on a sound up to date knowledge of the play process, and reflective practice.
7. Playworkers recognise their own impact on the play space and also the impact of children and young people's play on the playworker.
8. Playworkers choose an intervention style that enables children and young people to extend their play. All playworker intervention must balance risk with the developmental benefit and well being of children.

