



AFTER SCHOOL AND HOLIDAY KID'S CLUBS

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NEWSLETTER - "FEB 2008"

HOLIDAY CLUB

During the Easter period we are offering a promotional price of £16.50 per full day session, and £9.00 per half day session, please call 07709066299 to register interest and request a booking form. We cannot guarantee sessions until we have covered costs so the deadline for bookings is **10th March**, so that we will know by then whether or not it will be viable to open.

As usual we have a trip organised, this time it is another Fun Day at Baden Powell lodge on Friday 11th April, with activities provided free of charge by the childcare development team at Eastleigh borough council.

There may be a small charge to cover travel costs, which we will advise you of nearer the time.

Please spread the word!

As you know, over the past year we have been struggling to cover the costs of providing holiday care, unlike some other holiday schemes, our club is not subsidised in any way and after taking into account- staff wages, insurance's, Ofsted registration, activity materials and rent (which has risen twice in 12 mths), it has not been financially viable.

We offer a personalised service, with qualified and experienced staff who offer quality care for your children, please support us by showing commitment to us on a regular basis during school holidays, or

Unfortunately we may have to close Creative Kidz Holiday club for good.

This will be such a shame as it took a lot of hard work and dedication in order to be able to provide this facility for our community, and it will be a real blow to the parent's who have been loyal to us and used our service over the past 4 years.

WELCOME TO THE TEAM

We hope that you all agree that Tracey has been a very welcome addition to our team and is doing a great job!

The children and staff are really benefitting from her wealth of experience!

We thank you for your support in welcoming Tracey into her new role.

FIRST AID

Well done to Tracey and Charlene who have recently completed their paediatric first aid certificates.

ACTIVITIES

The children have really enjoyed the recent topics, including People in Uniforms week.

We invited our local Police Community Safety Officer-Scott Weston to come into the club to give us a talk about how to keep ourselves safe.

The children got really stuck in asking plenty of questions and trying on the uniforms.

The children have had a meeting this week to decide the programme of activities for the coming term; this will be posted on the notice board after half term.

MISSING CHILD INCIDENTS

This is still a big problem for our staff.

We are still having to call parents and emergency contacts to ascertain the whereabouts of children at the beginning of sessions, recently we had to call the contacts of 5 children at the beginning of a session, and as you can imagine this can take quite some time, time that a child could actually be missing, which is a real concern!

Unfortunately the only way this can be avoided is if all parents remember to advise us that their child will not be attending.

Thankfully we have never had to report a missing child to the police but please

Can we remind all parents'/carer's to advise us if your child is sick, going to be absent or going to a friend's house for tea etc.

Each time a child doesn't turn up at club when they are expected this has to be treated as a missing child incident which could result in a call to the police if a parent/carer or emergency contact cannot be contacted!

In the event that your child will not be attending the club as usual, before the session starts please call us to let us know:

1. Ring the club -07709066299
2. If you need to leave a message please ask for a return phone call to ensure that we have received your message, if you do not receive a call back please keep trying until you have contacted a staff member.

Please note: The school do not have the time to pass on messages.

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OUTDOOR PLAY

Thanks to an improvement in the weather as well as lighter evenings, we have been able to make use of our outdoor play spaces and equipment, the children have really benefitted from having some time outside to get some fresh air, please make sure that your child has a warm coat as it can be chilly.

WE HAVE WON 2 AWARDS

You may remember that last year we were won 2 awards, one for Teamwork and the other for Inclusive play.

Well we have won the same awards for the second year running!

They are awarded by the Early Education Unit at Hampshire county council.

Well done to our Staff who have worked very hard!

The awards will be displayed on the parent's information table.

STORAGE

We have now built up a substantial amount of outdoor toys and equipment, unfortunately this has taken up a lot of our valuable space in the new shed and we now seem to be overflowing. Although we are lucky to have a shed brimming with fabulous equipment for the children to play with, we really could do with some more storage. If anyone was having a spring clean and thinking of getting rid of a small shed or store please think of us.

ANNUAL SATISFACTION

SURVEY

Attached is a copy of our annual satisfaction survey, please complete this and return it to the club in order for us to evaluate the service we provide.

Many Thanks

DATES TO REMEMBER

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| February | Half term – 18-22nd Day closure – 25th |
| March | Good Friday -21st Easter Monday -24th |
| April Holiday club dates | Easter Hols -7th – 18th |
| May | May day – 5th Spring bank hol – 26th Half term – 27th – 30th |
| July | Last day at school -23rd July |
| August Holiday club dates | WK 1 - w/c 4th WK 2 - w/c 11th WK 3 - w/c 18th WK 4 - w/c 25th (Closed on Mon 25th as Bank holiday) |