

# MONTHLY NEWSLETTER

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## **Welcome back!**

This is our first newsletter of the year and we are just finishing our first half term. It has been great to see the children settle back into club life. The children are enjoying lots of our regular games and activities as well as some newly stocked resources, equipment and activities.

## **New starters**

We would like to welcome all our new Reception starters to Dawn 'Til Dusk this academic year, they have settled in brilliantly so far! We are delighted to have our 'buddy system' in place again this year where our older members of the club buddy up with the new reception children to help them settle in. We are seeing some lovely friendships already developing. So a very warm welcome to Clementine, Joseph, Albie, Robyn, Melody, Ryla, Eoghan, Elsa, Luca-Blaze, Joseph, Shiva and Orla.

## **Invoices**

Many thanks to everyone who set up their new payments for this academic year. We know that there were a few issues with some childcare voucher payments again this year but hopefully they are all sorted now. May we remind parents that you will **NOT** receive a monthly invoice – unless you have acquired extra charges in the month previous, in which case you will get an extra charge invoice to be paid on top of your master invoice.

We would like to politely remind you that if you give notice to cancel some or all of your sessions, there is a 4-week notice period. We will then calculate a final/amended invoice based on the sessions you have used and the amount you have paid to date. As the payments are worked out on a pro rata basis, we need to ensure that you have paid for the correct number of sessions before leaving.

## **Company Info**

We would like to remind parents that Dawn 'Til Dusk is a separate, private company to school and therefore any important information relating to your child/children must be given directly to us. School will not pass information to us relating to your child and vice versa.

## **Staffing**

We have welcomed two new members to the team this academic year, who many of you will have already met by now. We have Sandra who works two afternoons at Holy Name and Rebeka who also works as a TA in school and works part time plus cover work for us. Both have settled in amazingly and have become great assets to our team.

We were also thrilled to welcome Christine back in September as a volunteer. Christine is volunteering two evenings a week. Welcome back Christine!

## **Meet the Team**

We are really proud of our staff team and recently ran a 'Meet the Team' feature on social media so parents (and children if it was shared with them) can put get to know us all a little better! If you are not following us on Facebook or X or missed our posts, you can read all about us here instead...

[Meet The Team Link](#)

## **Breakfast**

Breakfast is not served after 8:30am so if your child requires breakfast, please can you ensure that they arrive before 8:30am so we have time to serve them before everything is cleared up and tidied away. Many thanks.

## **Drop Off**

May we remind parents, that children must be dropped off at the door at breakfast club by a parent/guardian due to safeguarding reasons. Parents must walk to the door with children and be seen by a member of staff. The only exceptions are Year 6 children whom we have pre-arranged written permission that they can walk to school and enter club alone.

## **Training Day**

A reminder that Friday 24<sup>th</sup> October is a training day for school and therefore, Dawn 'Til Dusk is not open on this day. Today will be our last day this week before the half term break.

We return on Monday 3<sup>rd</sup> November, ready for the fun up to Christmas! Sorry to mention the word already!!!

## **Fridays**

Just a reminder that we close at the earlier time of 5pm on a Friday, regular Friday bookings will be aware of this but if you book an ad hoc session on a Friday afternoon, please bear in mind that we close at 5pm. Also, we do not open on the last Friday afternoon of each term at Christmas, Easter and summer. This is due to the earlier school close time on those three days.

## **Communication**

We are contactable via a number of means; email, text, phone and face to face. However, the easiest option is email for a quick reply throughout the day, as the club phones are only in service during club hours.

To inform us of an absence from a booked session, a quick text/email is best but if you have queries about your account or regular bookings etc then please do email.

If you would like to discuss your child specifically then please speak to a member of the team at drop off or collection and they will be happy to help.

## **What have we been up to?**

This half term, as well as our free play, we have also had themed activities going on throughout the weeks, some of the things we have been doing include:

- ✧ Friendship month – friendship bracelets
- ✧ Roald Dahl Day
- ✧ Recycling week – eco crafts.
- ✧ Positive thinking day.
- ✧ Cookie making.
- ✧ World animal day – mask making.
- ✧ Halloween crafts – all thing spooky!
- ✧ Our annual pumpkin designing!

Have a look at some of our amazing work in the photo gallery below!

## **Contact information:**

As detailed in the Parents' Handbook that you receive as part of your registration, the following information is our contact details for you to save for future use:

**Website:** [www.dawntildusk.co.uk](http://www.dawntildusk.co.uk)

**E-mail:** [info@dawntildusk.co.uk](mailto:info@dawntildusk.co.uk)

**Club Phone:** 07400 516 507

## **Social Media**

Finally, just a reminder that we use X(Twitter) to give you an insight into what is happening at club while you are busy at work! We hope you enjoy seeing the smiley, happy faces having fun! If you don't already follow us, please give us a follow to see our posts. Use the links below.

Our Facebook page is used more for information and reminders with the occasional photograph on there.

[DTD @ Holy Name's X\(Twitter\)](#) [DTD Facebook Page](#)

If you did not give phot permission at registration but are now happy for your child to be photographed, please email us to confirm in writing.

