

# 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 Silas, Iris, Rory, Sebby, Florence, Brandon, Isla, Reuben, Willow, Theodora, Leo, Maksym and Runa. We also have some other new starters in other year groups, welcome also to Ruby & Jack.

## **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.

## **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.

## **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 mornings at St. Mary's and Jamie who is a new addition to our young Play Worker team and works 2 afternoons a week. Both have settled in amazingly and have become great assets to our team.

We said goodbye and good luck to Ciara who moved away to Durham University a few weeks ago. Ciara will be very much missed by staff and children but we hope to welcome her back for cover work when she is home from uni.

## **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](#)

## **Pick Up Arrangements**

If your child attends on a Monday, Wednesday or Friday and you usually collect your child after 5:30pm, please can you now collect from the small side door to the small hall. There will be a notice on the main door after 5:30pm to remind you of the new routine.

## **Parking**

May we remind parents, particularly new parents to the club, that Dawn 'Til Dusk parents and staff DO NOT have the use of the school car park at any time. This is solely for school use, therefore please use on street parking when dropping off and collecting your child/children.

Please can parents and children also use the blue path when accessing club for everyone's safety. Thank you for your cooperation.

## **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!!!

## **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:

- ✳️ Teddy bear crafts to celebrating Teddy Bear Day.
- ✳️ Make your own storybooks.
- ✳️ Recycling week – eco crafts.
- ✳️ Thankfulness & Gratitude week.
- ✳️ Pasta crafts to celebrate National Pasta Day.
- ✳️ 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:** 07392 741246

## **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 @ St Mary'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.

