

Dunkirk Afterschool and Breakfast Club

Dunkirk Childcare Newsletter: Autumn 2: November 2021 Issue: 1

Welcome

Welcome to our first newsletter for Dunkirk Childcare – Breakfast and Afterschool Club. I am looking forward to writing to you every half term to let you know all of the exciting things going on in club.

As you can see from this newsletter, there are lots of spaces giving you the opportunity for feedback; I would appreciate if you could send your feedback to the emails listed.

We would love to see some new faces to play alongside our amazing children who already enjoy both Breakfast and Afterschool club.

We are an affordable, established club for 3-11* year olds, offering fun, child led activities. (*places for 3 year olds coming soon). All regulated by Ofsted guidelines and regulations. We provide a happy, safe, warm and stimulating environment to play, learn and grow in confidence. We build a positive relationship with parents/carers, working in partnership with them and other professionals to provide high quality play and care. We are an inclusive club where all children are encouraged to develop to their full potential regardless of gender, race, ability or social circumstance.

Please enjoy the pictures throughout this newsletter of everything we have got up to this year, and meet our wonderful staff team over the page.

Breakfast Club: 7.30am-school starts. Highfield's Campus. £5 per day

Afterschool club: school end-6pm. Highfield's Campus. £10 per day (£9 sibling discount).



Keyworkers

You will be updated on your child's Keyworker in January. Until then, your child's Key Worker is the Playworker in your child's room:

Year R/1/2/3: Miss Teanne, Miss Barbara & Mrs Curtis. Year 3/4/5/6: Miss Des, Miss Lorraine & Mrs Curtis. Your child's current Key Worker will bring your child to the gate so they can pass on any information you may need to know; please also ask any questions you may have.

Want to join us...

Want to join us at Dunkirk Breakfast Club and/or Afterschool Club? Please complete the links below:

Breakfast Club:

https://dunkirkprimary.formstack.com/forms/breakfast_club_admission_form

Afterschool Club:

https://dunkirkprimary.formstack.com/forms/afterschool_club_admission_form



New contact details

Please note our new contact details:

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Meet the team

As this is our first newsletter, I wanted to introduce our amazing team of Playworkers to you all.



Barbara Burton – Deputy Manager and Playworker

I am a mother of 3 grown up children and have one granddaughter. I worked as a childminder for around 12 years while they were young, going out to work once they became independent.

I have worked at Dunkirk for about 12 years doing different roles over the years, and, at present, as well as working in Dunkirk Wraparound Care, I am senior midday at Highfields and an attendance officer. I enjoy working in club, seeing the children reach their goals and supporting them to achieve their personal skills.

I enjoy spending time with my family and friends and my hobbies include reading and sewing.

Des Chambers – playworker



I have worked in Dunkirk Wraparound Childcare for 12+ years, as well as a midday supervisor. I love working with children and enjoy teaching the children all about my interests, such as space, rockets, mini beasts, crafts, games, gardening, make, mend and reuse – things to enjoy and have fun while learning. I can't wait to get our new sensory garden up and running!

I enjoy spending time with my family and friends, as well as gardening, crafting and swimming. I also enjoy all things sci-fi, such as Star Trek, space, space ships and planets. I also used to draw and paint, something I would love to start again.



Teanne Clarke – Playworker

I have a level 3 in Childcare and Young People Workforce. I have been working in childcare around 8 years within nurseries and as a childminder, and in Dunkirk Childcare for 2 years, as well as a midday supervisor.

I like to interact and get to know each child individually to form a good bond and to get to know the children's interests. I enjoy doing activities with the children and seeing them happy when being creative and playing with their friends.

I am also a mother of a 6 year old daughter. I enjoy spending time with her and taking her out on trips. I love listening to music and socialising with friends.



Lorraine Goulding – Playworker

I have worked in school for 8 years and Dunkirk Childcare for 2 years. Alongside Dunkirk Childcare, I also work in school as a midday supervisor and a cleaner, so I know the children very well and have built great relationships with them. I

really enjoy teaching children new skills.

I have 6 children, all of whom have attended/still attend Dunkirk Primary school and have enjoyed Breakfast and Afterschool club. Outside of work, my Interests include reading, true crime studies, and walking, as well as spending time with my family and looking after my grandchildren. I also enjoy cooking and trying out new recipes.

Jamie Curtis – Manager

That leaves me. I am a qualified teacher and I have worked at Dunkirk across the year groups for around 12 years, before deciding to make a change and moving to the school office and becoming Manager at Dunkirk Childcare.



I am really enjoying being able to use my experience to plan exciting activities and experiences for the children at Breakfast and Afterschool Club, and creating a club we can all be proud of, where the children can feel at home.

I have two children, a 3-Year-old boy and a 5-Year-old girl, and I enjoy playing, making and baking with them. We are a sporty family, and if the kids aren't playing it, they are watching it with my husband, especially cricket.

You spoke, we listened:

I would like to start this section of the newsletter where any feedback from children, staff and, of course, you as parents/carers, can be acknowledged, either named or anonymously, and acted upon where possible. Please complete this link for any feedback, likes, dislikes, suggestions, wishes, queries etc:

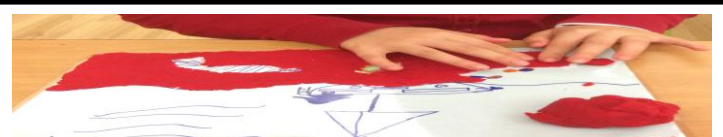
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Comments and quotes

"My child doesn't need to come to Breakfast club every morning, he just wants to."

"Look what I made! I love learning new art here."



Exciting changes ahead

As we near the summer break and a new school year, we will hopefully have less interruptions and begin to look towards normality once again. We are planning some exciting changes that you can start to read about in this newsletter, and over the next few months.

We want to turn the back open space into an exciting sensory, inspirational, hands on Forest School style garden. We want to build it up gradually with the children's help to plan, design and build it. The children have already started building their bug hotel.



We need your help...

We would like to collect items so we create our sensory garden. If you have any of the following that you are happy to donate, we would very much appreciate it: Plants, large planters, plant pots, seeds, handheld gardening tools, soil, bottle tops, large rocks, small smooth rocks, drain pipes, small plastic pipes, musical instruments, kitchen pans, large kitchen utensils, willow, windchimes, old wellies (for planters) and anything else you think would be useful. Thank you!

And in other news...



It is with sadness that we have to say goodbye to Janeisa, a valued member of our team. You will still see Janeisa around school as she works in Nursery and Reception at our Abbey Campus. Please join me in thanking Janeisa for all her hard work.

Children's next steps

I will be sending some information on next steps over the next few weeks, which is another area that your child's Key Worker will discuss with you regularly.

In school, the majority of their next steps are academic, whereas our next steps are linked to the child's development holistically. Examples might be as simple as 'putting on own coat and zipping it independently', or 'washing hands independently before snack' or something like 'holding a conversation with an adult' or 'making friends'.

In order to decide these next steps, it is important we have conversations with the children's teachers, the children, and you. Therefore, I ask that you complete the following link: https://dunkirkprimary.formstack.com/forms/next_steps_parent_form with anything that you would like us to consider as next steps within Childcare, using your knowledge of how your child interacts at home. Please aim for things that aren't academic, but rather things like 'learning to share', 'having patience between activities' or 'occupy themselves independently for a certain amount of time'.



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Thank you for all your support

Jamie Curtis
Breakfast and Afterschool Club Manager

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