

Dunkirk Afterschool and Breakfast Club

Dunkirk Childcare Newsletter: Autumn 1: September 2022 Issue: 3

Welcome

I would like to start by welcoming our newest members of Dunkirk - Willow and Apple 22/23. I hope you're settling in well. Welcome, too, to Willow and Apple parents and carers. I would like to introduce you to the team over here at Dunkirk Wraparound Care, and let you know a little about us, as we would love for you to join us.

We are an affordable, established club for 4-11* 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 last year, and meet our wonderful staff team over the page.

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 are a CIO...

We recently became a Charitable Incorporated Organisation and are therefore regulated by the Charity Commission. Our Committee members, Maria Ward (Chair), Jason Lucas and Pauline Smith, remain in position as voted in our recent AGM, but become a Board of Trustees. We would love some of you to become voluntary members of this board. If this interests you, please email dunkirkchildcaremanager@dunkirk.nottingham.sch.uk.

Our new charity registration number is: **1200188**.

Want to join us...

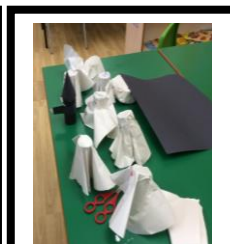
WE HAVE SPACES! Want to join us at Dunkirk Breakfast Club and/or Afterschool Club? Please complete the links below:

Breakfast Club:

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

Afterschool Club:

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



Club information

Breakfast Club: 7.30am-school starts. £5 per day

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

Located at the Children's Centre next to Highfields Campus.

Contact details

Please see the footer of this newsletter.

Please note my working days in club are Wednesday 7.45 – 5.30 and Thursday 7.45 – 4.30.

I will pick up emails any day.

To speak to club staff, call during club times (7.30-9.30 and 3-6) on 0115 9153273 and press option 3

To speak to me, call 07925372217 between 7.30 and 6. You may have to leave an answerphone message and I will get back to you.

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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 around 12 years while they were young, going out to work once they became independent.

I have worked at Dunkirk for about 14 years doing different roles over the years, and, at present, as well as working in Dunkirk Wraparound Care, I am Senior Midday. I enjoy working in Club, seeing children reach their goals. I enjoy spending time with 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 an 8-year-old daughter. I enjoy spending time with her and taking her out on trips. I love listening to music and socialising with friends.

Nom Masoka – Playworker



I am Nompumelelo Masoka also known as Nom. I am a qualified level 2 Teaching Assistant. I did my training (internship) at Abbey Campus, working with Year 2. I have also been working in Dunkirk for over 3 years as a midday supervisor. As a midday supervisor, I work with Year 1 to Year 3, and that allows me the privilege of seeing them develop and achieve their goals. My interests include cleaning, watching movies and singing. I am a mother of an 8-year-old boy, with whom I enjoy spending time and taking him to his training and football matches (soccer mom!).



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 13 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 4-Year-old boy and a 6-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:

Remember to send any feedback to https://dunkirkprimary.forms.tack.com/forms/you_spoke_we_listened. This is for parents/carers, children and staff to, anonymously or named, send likes, dislikes, suggestions, wishes, queries etc, so I can act upon them where possible and discuss further if needed.

Comments and quotes:

"This is like our second home" Parent A

"Always helpful and understanding of personal issues" Parent B

"I love learning all the crafts with the teachers here" Pupil A



Exciting changes ahead

We are still planning on turning 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 'forest school' 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, outdoor musical instruments, kitchen pans, large kitchen utensils, willow, windchimes, old wellies (for planters), pallets, and anything else you think would be useful. Thank you!

Children's next steps

In school, the majority of children's 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'.

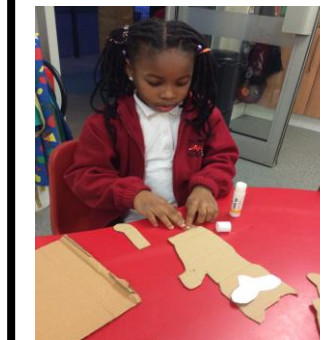
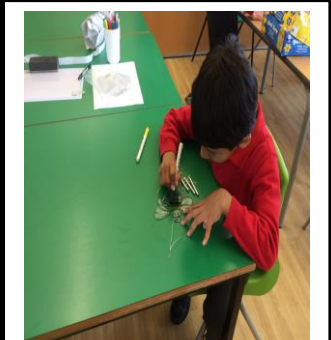
In order to decide these next steps, it is important we have conversations with the children's teachers, the children, and you. Therefore, I ask that you complete the following link: https://dunkirkprimary.formstack.com/forms/next_steps_parent_form with anything that you would like us to consider as 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'.

And in other news...

As mentioned above, our new charity registration number is 1200188, and this can be used for Universal Credit applications.

Please note that school cannot take Wraparound childcare enquiries, other than on the day bus cancellations. Please use the contact details above for all other enquiries.

I may use the acronym WAC in our communication, this stands for **W**raparound **C**are.



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Thank you for all your support

Jamie Curtis. Breakfast and Afterschool Club Manager

