



Dunkirk Afterschool and Breakfast Club

Dunkirk Childcare Newsletter: Spring 1: February 2023

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Welcome

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 get up to 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.

Club information

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

Afterschool club: school end-6pm. £11 per day (£10 sibling discount).

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

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

Ofsted

As you will be aware, we recently had an Ofsted inspection. Ofsted no longer give childcare overall grades, like good or outstanding; the new system is simply recorded as "met", or "not met". Of course, we have "met" all the Ofsted requirements, and I hope you will take time to read our outstanding report.

<https://files.ofsted.gov.uk/v1/file/50201213>

You will see that it is full of praise for the high quality;

- Safety,
- Safeguarding,
- Play provision,
- Quality of environment.

I wanted to take the time now to draw your attention to some of the areas that were specifically highlighted by the inspector:

- Children are happy at the Fun Club, they smile and laugh together frequently
- Children's views are valued and they are encouraged to be independent
- Staff promptly ask children about their day and how they are feeling
- Staff join in with children's games and laugh with children
- Children are encouraged to be creative
- Parents are happy and say that club supports their needs as a family
- Children thoroughly enjoy interactions with staff

I am really proud of and thankful for all of our staff, children, and, of course, you, for all your support.

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You spoke, we listened:

Remember to send any feedback to

https://dunkirkprimary.formstack.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:

"The children never want to leave" Parent A

"They are always sad when they have to come home" Parent B

"I don't want to go home" Pupil A

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'.

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.

Please see the 'we need our help' section for how you

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!

And in other news...

I have some sad news to report. Sadly, Miss Nom is leaving us. We thank her for all of her hard work. The children and staff will really miss her. Luckily, we can still see her around school at Abbey Campus in her midday role.

A reminder that 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.



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