



Newsletter

Dear Parents/ Guardians

I hope you have been enjoying the festive period and are looking forward to some well-deserved time off with family and friends.

I would like to you use the opportunity to give you all some updates on the current goings on at Friends at Play.

What we are have been up to

The children have really enjoyed taking part in our arts and crafts activities; junk modelling, painting and playdough have all been very popular. Additionally, the children have enjoyed den making, playing with Lego, and believe it or not Maths cubes...!

Where available and weather permitting, we have been making use of the outdoors where the children have access to footballs, skipping ropes, tennis equipment and of course their own imaginations.

In order to gain a little more structure to the after school club we have decided to put into place an activity timetable with the details available below;

Monday	Arts and crafts
Tuesday	Cookery
Wednesday	Free Choice
Thursday	Film club/ Homework club
Friday	Guided reading

Whilst the above structured activities are taking place the children will continue to have access to the free play equipment. The children are not required to participate in any of the activities, they are offered as an additional option of interactive learning.

Club bookings

As most parents are aware we have put in place an online booking portal as per previous parent request. On evidence across the past term the system has not been used as effectively as required with some bookings continuing to be made via text or email rather than via the system in place. This has caused some issues in trying to keep on top of bookings as well as increasing our admin load. This is having the opposite effect to that which was desired by bringing in the new system.

As such we are going to give the booking system one last try until the February half term, please can I ask that **ALL** parents (regardless of whether you have a regular or ad hoc booking) book your child's club place via the booking system.

Please see below a link to the booking system. For those that have never used the system, you will need to set up a login and password before being able to book.

https://www.supersaas.com/schedule/Friends_at_Play_Hughenden/Friends_at_Play

For any booking queries (Not to make bookings) please contact Tasha via telephone or email. Tasha is the Manager of the club and is based at the school 2 morning and 5 afternoons per week. You are still welcome to contact me at any time for general enquiries.

Late collections

We are experiencing a lot of regular late collections from after school club, please can I take this opportunity to remind parents that after school club closes at **6pm**.

To deter parents from continuing to pick up after 6pm from January we will be increasing our late payment fee from £7 per 15 minutes to £10 per 15 minutes.

Breakfast club

Please can I ask that any children that require breakfast whilst at the club are dropped off by 8:15am, this ensures plenty of time for breakfast to be enjoyed and the necessary cleaning up to be undertaken prior to the school day commencing. Unfortunately to prevent any over run into the school day any children turning up after 8:15am wanting breakfast will only be offered yoghurt or fruit.

Spare clothes

We have had a few accidents that have occurred during the club time which have required a change of clothes. Across Christmas we will be purchasing some essentials such as underwear, socks leggings and trousers for use on these occasions.

However, should any parents be doing any clearing out of old clothes and would like to donate any to the club this would be hugely appreciated.

Feedback

As always, parent feedback is important to us. We want to continue growing as a club ensuring that the children get the best experience possible and receiving constructive feedback will allow us to understand what areas parents are happy with and what areas have some room for improvement.

Any parents wishing to give any feedback can do so by emailing or calling me directly.

Contact details

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Finally, I would like to take the opportunity to wish you all a wonderful Christmas and Happy New Year and to thank you for welcoming us into the school.

I very much look forward to seeing you and your children refreshed in the New Year.

Kind regards Florrie & The Team

