



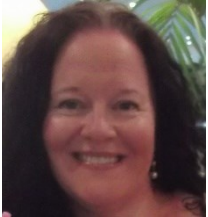
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Welcome to our first ever Ecclesall Kids Club Newsletter. Our newsletter is the start of a series of things we are doing to modernise your Club during 2017. This is just one way we want to communicate more effectively with our parents and children—look out for our Website and Parent Survey coming soon. We are always happy to receive your feedback on what we are doing well and where you think we can improve.

We can also be contacted at [ecclesallkids@gmail.com](mailto:ecclesallkids@gmail.com) and our usual phone numbers; 0114 236 6621, 07930 944 577 (juniors and holiday club) and 07905 375 970 (infants).

# Introducing



**Denise Brown**

*Hello, I'm Denise Brown, the new Club Manager. I'm here to support the Club through our modernisation and the Club transition as a result of the changes to our school, we'll keep you fully informed about that as we know more. I have always used the Club since my daughter was in Reception and she's now in Y4 at the Juniors. I was always very grateful for the low cost excellent childcare I've received over the years and I'm keen to see our great provision go from strength to strength. Like me, you'll already know what a fantastic team of staff we have, I hope our Newsletters and website will begin to showcase the work they do to support and care for your children. As I'm also on the EPTFA you may recognise me as the Grotto Elf!*



**Andrew Newman**

*Welcome to the first of edition of this Ecclesall Kids Club newsletter. This is a new way to communicate news and information to parents and I hope you find it useful. The Club runs on a 'not for profit' basis and is overseen by a voluntary Management Committee which I lead. The Committee aims to support and facilitate the delivery of high quality, good value, childcare, while ensuring the relevant regulations are met. We are currently working to ensure the club has a secure future, with the planned changes to the school provision.*

*I have sons in years 1 and 3 and regularly use the Club at both the infants and juniors.*

*I hope you find this newsletter interesting, please tell our coordinators at the infant or junior clubs if you have any feedback.*

## HOLIDAY CLUBS

Don't forget our holiday clubs. This Easter holiday club is on 8:30-5:45 Tuesday 18 April to Friday 21 April at the Infant's Medway Building.

## E-Safety.

It's important in this day and age that your children know how to keep themselves on line. Here are some websites for advice.

- Kidsmart: [www.kidsmart.org.uk](http://www.kidsmart.org.uk)
- CEOP: [ceop.police.uk/safety-centre](http://ceop.police.uk/safety-centre)
- NSPCC E Safety: [www.rspcc.org.uk/preventing-abuse/keeping-children-safe/online-safety](http://www.rspcc.org.uk/preventing-abuse/keeping-children-safe/online-safety)

## Playwork.

At our Club the emphasis is on play and choice for children. Activities include arts and crafts, games and outdoor sports. Imaginative play is encouraged and a television and DVD player with game consoles are available. In the holidays outings may include visits to the park, cinema, swimming, bowling and further afield. Where possible the Club is run on the principles of Playwork. Here are the first 2 principles.

- ◆ All children and young people need to play. The impulse to play is innate. Play is a biological, psychological and social necessity, and is fundamental to the healthy development and well-being of individuals and communities.
- ◆ Play is the process that is freely chosen, personally directed and intrinsically motivated. That is, children and young people determine and control the content of their own play, by following their instincts, ideas and interests, in their own way for their own reasons..

## Last half-term



Our topic for the half term was healthy eating and how to stay healthy.

We enjoyed Valentine's day fun.



## Last half-term



We celebrated the Chinese New Year of the Rooster with special snacks and themed crafts.

We had a Harry Potter special fortnight—thanks for the idea to one of our Year 5 boys. We had a short story competition.



# Infants



# Juniors

## Next half-term



Lots of fun looking forward to Easter.



## Next half-term

(and lots more!)

Modelling Clay

Hot Beads



Mother's Day Crafts

YOUR IDEAS AND SUGGESTIONS



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A new competition



Paper Gliders



Would you like to see your comments in print? Submit your ideas for kids club and what you think about kids club to Anna or Ian

# Kids' Corner

Challenge! Prizes!

Take or draw a picture of something to do with Spring!

Q) What do you call a crocodile in a vest?

A) An investigator!

Q) What do you get if you cross a flower with a crocodile?

A) I don't know, but I'm not going to smell it!

Q) How many arms does a crocodile have?

A) It depends how far through his dinner he is!

