

# DAWNUNTILDUSK

BEFORE, AFTER SCHOOL & HOLIDAY CLUB



## Happy New Year!

Welcome to our first Newsletter for 2014 and our first as Dawn Until Dusk Limited. The business is expanding and Tracy has a new business partner, Alison Davies. Alison previously worked for the Local Authority and prior to that ran a pre-school, which was graded Outstanding by Ofsted 3 times. Alison is passionate about childcare and the Early Years and has a Forest School qualification. Alison will be running the Shortstown Dawn til Dusk club and the Holiday Club. We have also opened the Stephenson Lower School site, which Alice and Tracy will be running together.



With this expansion, we need more staff and we have a number of new members of the team. Lisa Smith is working at Shortstown Primary with Alison; Tina Millar is based at Lakeview and Jenny Lewis is a bank staff member and will be working across all 3 sites. We are always looking for bank staff, so if you know of anyone who is looking for part-time work, please direct them to our website: [www.kidsdawntildusk.co.uk](http://www.kidsdawntildusk.co.uk).

## This term:

We have lots of exciting things planned for the children this term. At the end of last term we asked the children what they wanted to do. They told us that they liked Ben 10; Skylanders; the Bouncy Castle and being outside. We have a number of themed nights planned and information will be available before each event.

Our themes will cover healthy eating; super heroes; forest schools; celebrating the Chinese New Year and the Winter Olympics.

## New Software Package:

We have purchased a new software package 'Oscars' to help us with the invoicing, registers and children's records. Please bear with us whilst we familiarize ourselves with it!

## Working in partnership with parents/carers:

Working with parents and carers is fundamental to everything we do at Dawn til Dusk. To continue with this, we are introducing a **Resource Lending Library** for parents, carers and children to use. This will include books; toys; DVD's, etc. for you to enjoy at home. If you are interested in finding out more, please speak to a member of the Dawn til Dusk team.

As a Play Setting, we work within the Play Principles and the Early Years Foundation Stage (EYFS). The Play Principles set out how a play setting should work with children and families; the EYFS is a framework for children up to the age of 5, setting out seven key areas of learning around which activities should be based.

**07913 352569 - Lakeview**  
**07913 352568 - Shortstown**  
**07913 352570 - Stephenson**

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# Stephenson Lower School



## Holiday Club.

As we mentioned at the beginning of this Newsletter, we are setting up a Holiday Club at our Shortstown Primary location. This will run over the Easter holidays and closure day and the Summer Club will run from the 24<sup>th</sup> July to the 22<sup>nd</sup> August. For more information look on our website at: [www.kidsdawntildusk.co.uk](http://www.kidsdawntildusk.co.uk) or call Alison on 07913 352568 for more information. The Holiday Clubs will have a Forest School ethos and we will be outside as much as possible, den building; cooking on an open fire, making whistles, bug houses, mud faces and more!



We are members of the Forest School Association

## Working in partnership with parents/carers continued.

If your child falls within the EYFS, they will have their own development file at Dawn til Dusk. They will also have a Key Person, who will get to know your child and complete the file with photographs, observations and any pictures the children would like to put into it. Please let us know if you notice your child has learnt to do something new or you notice a pattern of behavior, which you hadn't seen previously – e.g. noticing your child likes to line toys up, or they like to put things in a bag or box and carry them around with them. These are called Schemas (patterns of learning) and we can give you information to extend your child's schema.

## Operation Christmas Child:

A huge THANK YOU to all of you who contributed to last year's Operation Christmas Child. We were able to collect just under 500 boxes. Tracy is a National Distributor for Operation Christmas Child and the boxes have gone to children in Rumania.



Thank you for your continued support please, do not hesitate to contact us with any comments or concerns.

Tracy & Alison