

# DAWNUNTILDUK

BEFORE, AFTER SCHOOL & HOLIDAY CLUB



## Spring is here!

We hope you all had a good Easter break. For those of you who attended our Holiday Club, we hope you enjoyed yourselves. We had a busy 10 days, with pony riding; playing football with a football coach; cooking burgers on a BBQ, making popcorn and drinking hot chocolate; making pizzas, crispy cakes and going on an egg hunt. We are looking forward to our summer club!

We have had another busy term and the business continues to grow. We have now set up our fourth site based at Haynes Lower School. We would like to welcome the new staff at Haynes, Alice, Lisa and Sarah and the new parents and children to Dawn until Dusk Ltd.

We would also like to welcome Emma, who will be based at Shortstown Primary. Alison will continue to oversee Shortstown and in addition, Haynes, whilst Tracy will oversee Lakeview and Stephenson. We also have Becky and Annie, who have joined us as Bank Staff, as well as Jean, Hayley and Donna who very kindly volunteer for us.

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).

## To contact us:

**07913352569- Lakeview**  
**07982914784- Shortstown**  
**07913352570- Stephenson**  
**07913352568- Haynes**

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**Football session at Holiday Club**

## This term:

We have lots of exciting things planned for this term and our themes will cover: growing; fruit & veg; animals and children's week.

We have introduced theme nights, which are an extra activity for children already attending ASC. These involve a themed night, such as Ben 10 or Hello Kitty and will have activities around the theme. There is a snack, just like a normal session and usually a themed treat at the end. If you book your child onto one of these sessions, but do not attend, you will still be charged, as we need to ensure we have the correct adult/child ratio.

Children have asked for a Star Wars Themed Night and a One Direction Themed Night, so watch this space!

Look out for the parent planning sheet which will be emailed at the beginning of the term.

**The picture below shows the children enjoying their hot chocolate at holiday club.**



## Software Package:

We are aware that some of you did not receive our invoices last term; please ensure we have your up-to-date email address and also check your spam box, as sometimes our emails go there.

Invoices will be sent out on Monday 28<sup>th</sup> April and payment is due Friday 16<sup>th</sup> May. If you have any problems with payment, please contact the manager of your setting.

### Ways to pay:

You can pay by cash, cheque or directly into our bank account. Bank details are: Dawn Until Dusk Ltd, Account No: 58569660, Sort Code: 30-90-66.

You may also be eligible for Working Tax Credits, if you are we will provide you with a letter confirming the hours and cost of childcare. Please be aware that the Working Tax Office will check with us to ensure your child is attending the club.

## MUD KITCHENS:

We are always looking for new ideas to inspire the children and developing a mud kitchen in every setting is an area we would like to develop.

### What are they?

A mud kitchen is an area where children's natural desire to explore and discover, imagine and create, relate and interact can happen. A mud kitchen includes elements of the role play area and cooking, enriched by being outside and using natural resources to enhance play. For more information go to:

[http://www.muddyfaces.co.uk/mud\\_kitchens.php](http://www.muddyfaces.co.uk/mud_kitchens.php)

So, in order to help us develop our mud kitchens, do you have any old pots/pans/bowls/utensils that you don't want anymore? If so, please can we have them!

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

Tracy & Alison

## Play

Did you know there are 16 recognised types of play? At Dawn Until Dusk Ltd, we understand the need and right to play and it is at the essence of everything we do. We plan firstly around the children's interests and requests; secondly around the EYFS and thirdly around the Play Principles. Next time you go into your setting, have a look at our display boards to see how we are planning around all of these, or go to:

<http://www.playwales.org.uk/eng/playworkprinciples>

## Working in partnership with parents/carers:

A reminder: We now have our **Resource Lending Library** for parents, carers and children to use. Please speak to a member of staff if you would like to borrow anything.

For those of you with children who are within the Early Years Foundation Stage (EYFS) age, you will be able to see your child's development folder. This folder includes observations; drawings and photos of your child's time with us at Dawn Until Dusk Ltd. Please give us your comments/thoughts/ suggestions in the area provided in the folder, this provides fantastic evidence for Ofsted.



Bailey the Cob Horse



Making whistles from Elder wood.