

Staff Newsletter

Welcome back to the Autumn term. We hope you all enjoyed a good break over the summer. For this newsletter we will be focussing on the club at Shortstown Primary School.



Shortstown

The club at Shortstown is managed by Kayley who is helped by Dominika and Sarah who are permanent staff and Zurah who is bank staff. Together they make sure that the club runs smoothly. Kayley is about to complete her 3rd year at University.

Shortstown Dawn Until Dusk is run out of a classroom in the main school building. They have just had a big move around of the room and have managed to create a lot more space. The children now have more room for free play and have a bigger role play area. Kayley and team managed to put the craft table and cupboard at easy reach so the children could get to everything easier and this has created a much calmer atmosphere with the children able to access items they want themselves.

The children at Shortstown enjoy dressing up and crafting activities. The children are often found creating new masterpieces at the crafting table. They also like to all take part in group games, Twister is their current favourite.

The children have a great time all joining in and having fun together. The staff at Shortstown also run regular dance and singing classes which the children love!

A recent introduction at the club is 'Star of the week'. Jeff the Giraffe is given to the child who the staff feel has shone during the week. Jeff gets given out for the children to take home with them for the weekend to enjoy.

Shortstown have decided to give the Year 5 and Year 6's a bit of independence by allowing them to walk to and from the club alone. Which has helped them in feeling more grown up and responsible.

Shortstown Primary is also where our main Holiday Club is held. The children use the same room during the holiday club as the Before and After-school club. During the holiday club they are also able to use the main school.



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New Staff

We have taken on a lot of new staff over the last month. Sandra has joined the team at Balliol, Michelle Owen has joined our Priors Park team, Natasha and Hayley are our new team running the new club at Springfield, Michelle Savar is running our new Maulden club with Eleanor and Fae, Lucy is a new team member at our Lawnside club alongside Sara and Cailyn has joined us as bank staff and a Forest School Leader.

Leigh Westwick Crouch has joined Dawn Until Dusk as our HR Manager, she has many years' experience working within HR and Learning & Organisational Development.

As the company is growing at a rapid pace Leigh will initially support the business with recruitment strategy, employee engagement and performance management.

Over the next few weeks Leigh will be visiting your setting to introduce herself and spend some time with you all. Should you wish to contact Leigh at any time she is based in the safe store office.

Theme Night Boxes

You will notice we have a new Archery Set which is being used for our Theme Nights. This has already gone down a storm with the children who have had great fun getting to grips with it. Unfortunately some of the theme night boxes are coming back from clubs with items broken or missing. We would be very grateful if, before returning a box, it could be checked to make sure everything is in there and so that you can inform us of any breakages or items that have run out i.e. cake toppers.

Summer Term

You should have already received your planning and theme night information for this term. Please have a good read through so you know what to expect every week. You will notice that this week is Roald Dahls 100th Birthday celebration week. We have created a treasure hunt for you which will be winging its way to you soon. Feel free to hold a party with the children and hopefully they will enjoy the activity sheets which can be found in your packs. Please continue to work on your settling in scrap books with the children. This will help ease the transition for new children and settle everyone into the new year at school. If you have any suggestions or see any new activities that can be merged in with the planning please pass them on to all the clubs. It's good to see what you are all getting up too.

Office Days

Mondays – Tracy, Alison, Pauline, Katie, Leigh, Becca and Laura

Tuesdays – Tracy, Pauline, Leigh, Becca and Laura

Wednesdays – Tracy, Alison, Pauline, Leigh and Becca

Thursdays – Alison, Pauline, Laura and Becca

Fridays – Tracy, Alison, Katie and Becca