

Introduction

This newsletter gives you an update on PLAY@Churwell and PLAY@Asquith - the Before and After School Clubs and Holiday Playschemes run by Churwell Out of School Group.

PLAY@Churwell and PLAY@Asquith are both located at Asquith School until space is available at Churwell School.

A fresh start...

Welcome to our new and existing parents.

By now you will have seen the new base for the out of school club in Asquith School. We are grateful to Mrs Austerfield (the Headteacher) and Acumen (who run the building) for allowing us sole use of two classrooms which gives us flexibility in ensuring we meet the needs of the whole age range. The outdoor space has been well used over the summer and will no doubt continue to be a popular activity choice while the weather stays fine.

We were sorry to leave our Churwell base at Back Green but we needed to move to be able to continue to develop our provision by widening the number of children we serve. We'll be updating the website shortly to reflect our fresh start.

Staff changes

Cath Dunn who has worked as a volunteer at the Club for many months will now be employed as a part time Co-ordinator. We will also be

advertising for extra staff shortly. Please see Cath if you know of anyone who may be interested in part time work in childcare.

Parent / Carer Handbook

Enclosed with this newsletter is an updated version of the Parent/Carer Handbook. Please take the time to read it and take note of the section on fee payments. We have unfortunately had a few instances of late or non-payment which leaves the club in a poor financial position. We do not receive any external funding so fees are the only source of income to pay staff wages and other costs. If you are experiencing difficulties please let us know.

If you have any changes to make to the contact information please let us know so our records are up to date.

Fee changes

We have made one small change to the fee structure – the one hour session in the afternoon will be £3. The other sessions will remain the same for this year as we have reduced the opening hours. The holiday fee was reduced to £16 in the summer and will stay at this level for this year.

October half term playscheme

If you need a place over the holidays please let us know by **Friday 26 September** so we can plan our staffing and activities. Payment will be needed by **Friday 17 October** to confirm your place. Booking forms are available from the club or from our website.