

# Newsletter

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## Introduction

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

## Activities

We have been open now since Easter and it has been a busy time with buying equipment, planning and organising activities and getting to know the children.

We had a great time over the Easter holidays with arts & crafts, games and going to the new cinema in Leeds. Our trip to Kirkstall Abbey & Abbey House was fun and inspired our display back at base. Our first playscheme was celebrated with a party on the last day and our photo appeared in the paper. It was all a great success.

The playscheme will be running again at half term and Churwell School's training day on Monday 10<sup>th</sup> June. There are still places available so if you need a full or half day place just drop in or telephone.

## Leeds Childcare Jubilee Celebration

June is National Childcare month and the Queen's Golden Jubilee. To celebrate, the Leeds Early Years Development and Childcare Partnership (EYDCP) are organising a 'fun day' for children and carers at Roundhay Park on Friday 7 June. We plan to take the children booked in at the play-

scheme for that day to Roundhay Park to take part in the fun. If you want your child to join in just book a place and pack a picnic.

## Summer bookings

We are taking bookings for the summer so we can plan our staff numbers. Payment now is not necessary – you can give us post-dated cheques which will not be cashed until the dates on the booking form. Don't leave it too late!

## Leeds Quality Assurance

We are taking part in the pilot scheme designed to raise, maintain and improve quality in play and childcare settings. We will keep you informed of our progress.

## What's new?

We have responded to parent's requests for hourly rates for the After School Club and this will operate after the Half Term. Please complete a new booking form if you want to take advantage of shorter sessions. Fees will be £2.50 per hour with the full session to 6:15 pm remaining at £7.00.

You may have noticed our new logo which we will use to promote our Holiday Playschemes and Out of School Clubs. We have bid for Lottery funding to buy staff uniforms (as well as play equipment for the summer) so look out for the new image.

We have set up a website [www.churwelloutofschoolgroup.org.uk](http://www.churwelloutofschoolgroup.org.uk) so you can get access to news and information at any time. We'll be updating



this with the new logo soon. Comments on the site are welcome; please send to Julie Lawlor.

Thanks for your support.

Anna, Suzanne, Linda and Jeanette; Cath and Julie.