

Birley Spa Out of School Club

Newsletter

January 2020

HAPPY NEW YEAR!

May we take this opportunity to wish you all a Happy New Year and welcome children back to the Spring term. We have a range of engaging and fun activities planned for the coming weeks and as the nights get lighter we will be accessing the outdoor area whenever the weather permits. Please ensure your child has suitable outdoor clothing in school.

Reading

We will listen to all children read who attend After-School Club.

Homework

We will facilitate your child completing their homework during our sessions. Please let us know if your child would like support.

NEW MOBILE PHONE NUMBER

The **mobile number for Out of School Club** is now **07458 080670**. Please call us on this number to let us know you have arrived to collect your child or if you need to contact us for any reason during session time i.e. if you are running late, if someone else will be collecting your child/ren

Learning this term:

Children will be learning about the changes that occur in Winter. They may make a bird feeder, observe ice melting, sculpt a snowman and experience fake snow. Valentine's Day activities will include designing a card, constructing a heart-shaped box and decorating heart-shaped biscuits. Children will have the opportunity to construct a lantern, design a mask or paint a "ming" vase as part of our Chinese New Year celebrations.

Themes for next half term:

Growing/Spring – Activities will include planting bulbs, observing caterpillars changing into butterflies and bug hunting.

Festivals – Children may design a card and make a present for Mother's Day and celebrate St Patricks day by colouring a flag, pepper printing or sculpting a snake. Our Easter celebrations will include egg rolling, an egg hunt and a design an egg competition. **N.B. Please inform a member of staff if your child is allergic to eggs/nuts.**

The children's thoughts on last terms activities:

"I liked playing with the sleigh. I liked pretending to be Santa and giving out the presents but I, also, liked being Rudolph" – Joshua Y2

"I liked it when we baked tarts and I like making things" – Jaya Y3

"I liked wrapping presents" – Molly Y6

"I like having stories" – Jayden FS2

Snacks/baking

Please ask a member of staff for a copy of the current menus.

Please let us know if your child has any food allergies/intolerances.

Opening times, fees and booking in

Our **Breakfast session** starts at **7.15** am. Children will be taken to class in time for registration.

Fee = £4 – including a healthy breakfast of cereal or toast and a drink.

School staff will escort children to **After School Club**. Club closes at **5.25**.

Fee = £8 – including a healthy snack and drinks. A late fee of **£10** will be charged if children are not collected on time.

Booking in is now done via **School**

Communications. If you haven't already registered to use this service please contact the office staff, who will be happy to assist you.

Places are limited so please book early to avoid disappointment

Dates for your diary

Break up for half term – Thursday 13th February

Return to school – Monday 24th February