

Autumn Term 2020 - Kidzone Newsletter

Dear Parents/Carers,

As we get closer to Christmas, we wanted to write and update you all on the happenings at our Breakfast and After School club.

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There have been plenty of activities taking place, and despite the dark afternoons and cold conditions, children have been making the most of the outdoor space to play in.



The Infants' drawings from their display board that we call 'Kidzone budding artists'



The children have enjoyed making paper baubles and decorating our Christmas Tree.



Juniors have made giant paper stars and snowflakes to decorate the windows

Booking process

The booking slots for next term will be available online at midday on Monday 14th December. Our bubble limits have been reviewed and are being kept the same for the new term – these are currently a maximum of 25 for Breakfast club, 35 for After School club Monday to Thursday and 20 for After School club on a Friday. This arrangement will be kept in place until Government guidance indicates that social distancing is no longer required. As such, the committee would advise that if you rely on our service, either due to being classed as a key worker or for any other reason, you book as soon as possible to avoid disappointment.

Website

A reminder that there is a KidZone section on the school website (christchurchschool-chelt.co.uk/topic/kidzone) where up-to-date information can be found. This includes the contact number for use during KidZone hours – this has recently changed and is now 07840 432 860. We would draw your attention to the Useful information page that has information on our OFSTED reports, as well as policies and a COVID-19 risk assessment supplement.

Thanks

Whilst we are all working under the ever-changing 'Covid Cloud', a number of parents and all the committee members wanted to publically pass on their thanks to all the staff at KidZone for the support they have been providing over the last few months. It's testament to the positive atmosphere they have fostered amongst themselves that they have been quietly getting on with their jobs, whilst working under restrictive conditions, to create a safe and fun environment for children both in the morning and afternoons.

Mr Taylor, as administrator of KidZone and new to the School in September, would also like to pass on his thanks to all team members. Having been faced with a number of issues, including staffing levels and building works, the team have been fantastic in offering help and support wherever possible!

Building works

Thanks are also due to all parents and carers who have been affected by, and understanding of, the closures to the main school entrance which have led to the side entrance being used. We apologise for the inconvenience and understand that the building works are a frustration, but hope that its evident to all that once completed they will provide numerous indoor spaces that every child can benefit from. For the school this will mean a brand new hall along with numerous pastoral and breakout areas for school work. For KidZone, this will provide use of the refurbished hall for both sessions, making collections and drop-off more convenient, as well as providing a larger play area and better facilities.

Cancellations

We have been made aware that there are potential cancellation issues when using the website. We would always advise that, wherever possible, the Eduspot app is downloaded and used to manage your bookings. Cancellations need to be made at least 2 weeks prior to the booked session to avoid charges. To cancel, navigate to the week and session and deselect the booking – ie. select 0 as an option. To ensure that these changes are saved, click the “reserve now” option. Simply selecting 0 and closing the page will not action the request and will leave your child on the register.

Wherever possible, please contact us in the office if you know your child will not be attending any session, but are unable to cancel this yourself. This will avoid us following up on “missing” children by calling named contacts.

Committee members

As the Kidzone Breakfast and After School Club can only continue if we have a voluntary committee to manage it, we are looking for new parents to become committee members. We have three short meetings per year and one AGM and there is no work for committee members to do beyond these meetings.

AGM

The AGM was not held for the Academic year 19/20 due to COVID-19. This year’s AGM will take place virtually on the 2nd February 2021 at 17:00. If you would like to be sent an invite, please email finance@christchurch-chelt.gloucs.sch.uk and we will ensure you are sent a link

Other information

- In line with the Covid-19 risk assessment, we are asking all parents and carers to respect the bubbles we have in place, and not enter the KidZone building at any time. Drop off and collection should be performed under the canopy.
- As we move towards the middle of winter, the children still enjoy playing outside. Please ensure that your child has a warm, waterproof coat at school to enable this to happen.
- Please can we remind you all about the importance of closing the gate behind you as you leave with your child each evening.
- If you have any concerns about your child or their time at Kidzone, please talk to the Play Leaders, Miss Freer, Mrs Parr or Mrs Phelps. Alternatively, contact Mr Taylor in the Office.



With Many Thanks,

The Kidzone Team.