



Autumn 2017

OUT OF SCHOOL CLUB

STAFF IN OUR ROOM

Please have a look at www.parklanekids.co.uk to find out more about the staff

Helen Gardner Level 4 (manager)

Georgina – Level 2

Bryony – Level 2

Sophie – Level 2

Sally-Anne – playworker unqualified

Sue – level 2

WHAT THE CHILDREN HAVE PARTICULARLY ENJOYED DURING THE LAST 6 WEEKS

During the school holidays, the children have enjoyed visits to The Dogs Trust where they learnt about the dogs and how to care for them, Beacon Hill where they walked over a mile to the top where we had a picnic. They had a full day at Topstones activity centre where the children took part in grass sledging, go-karts, mountain biking and den building.

We visited The Beach at Rutland Water where we had fun in the Adventure playground and some of us paddled in the water. There were lots of visits to local parks and the museum and some fantastic crafts at the setting.

All-in-all an action-packed summer, we are already starting to think about the October half term.

UPDATE ON THE SCHOOL RUNS

We purchased a new 9-seater which was collected on the 5th. This allows up to split up groups from our busier schools and gives more flexibility in the holidays. This now takes our total to 4 9-seater vesicles and a 7-seater. At times, we struggle with competent drivers to cover holidays and sickness, therefore if you know anyone who would like to earn a bit of extra money and has a clean UK driving licence, please let us know

INDIVIDUAL NEEDS OF THE CHILDREN

We have a few children who have particular medical needs, allergies or preferences with food. We are really happy to support you and your children, therefore Helen will be reviewing individual health care plans and any behaviour plans during the term and may ask for a meeting with parents, this is just so that she can familiarise herself with your child's needs and ensure Woodlands are doing their best for you and your child.

If your child develops any allergies or medical conditions after starting with us, please make sure you let one of the girls in the room know.

We only use dairy free spread at meal times and in cooking which allows children with dairy intolerances to join in equally with activities and we can buy in separate food to meet any other needs.

EXTRA CURRICULUM ACTIVITIES

This term the children will be going to Jubilee sports centre on Norman way to do Karate on a Thursday. There is no extra charge and the session is ran by a qualified instructor. Our children really enjoyed this last term and we hope any children new to it will enjoy it as much. They go straight from school and get back to Woodlands at 4.50pm, so please leave your collection till as late as possible to allow time for tea. If the timings are going to cause you a problem please speak to the staff in the room or call Katie on 01664 562277 and we can work something out

Polite Notices

Please make sure you child arrives in time to make the school runs as we will be unable to return to the setting for one child.

OUTCOME FROM OUR PLANNING MEETING

The school children will be using the end deck for their coats and bags and the new hooks have now gone up. This means we can use the back gate and reduce the volume of foot traffic out the front door as pre-school children are arriving.

We have purchased new equipment to help make breakfast easier for the children to serve themselves, this includes hotel-style cereal dispensers and new toasters and cutlery/crockery.

STAFF

This term we welcome Helen Gardner who has previously been an owner/manager of another setting in town. She has taken over as the Out of School (OOS) manager and is very passionate about what she does. We are attaching a copy of Helen's all about me sheet that will give you a bit more information about her.

Feedback from parents

We would love to hear your views about how the summer club was, what your children enjoyed and anything we could do differently. Therefore, we will be sending out a feedback form in the next week and would really appreciate that back if your child/ren were in during the summer holidays.

For the children who attend term time, again we would really appreciate your feedback by letting us know what works well for you and anything you think we can do better. Helen is outing the final touches to the questionnaire which will then be sent out to you.

WHAT WE THINK WE CAN DO BETTER

Developing children's independence with life skills.

Making their own decisions and choices at their group.

Listening to what children want, therefore from next term we will add an extra page to our newsletter that the children will produce themselves, sharing their thoughts on the club.

Holiday Club

Wednesday 23rd August – Friday 25th August

August Bank Holiday (Closed)

Monday 28th August 2017

School runs start

Tuesday 29th August 2017

Term-time children start

Thursday 31st August 2017

Mid Term break (Holiday Club open)

Monday 16th October - Friday 20th October 2017

Term-time / school runs finish

Wednesday 20th December 2017

Holiday Club

Thursday 21st December – Friday 5th January

Christmas Closure week

Monday 25th December – Friday 29th December

Bank Holiday (Closed)

Monday 1st January 2018

Full staff training – setting closed

Tuesday 2nd January 2018

Setting Open after Christmas

Wednesday 3rd January 2018

For more information about the curriculum your children are learning (EYFS) or how they learn please visit our website www.parklanekids.co.uk and look on the parent's page. We have also uploaded lots of interesting articles and factsheets on the early years which include some great activities to play with your children.

You will also find previous newsletters and menu's

To keep updated about the fun things we do at nursery join our Facebook page woodlandkids