



December 2016

2016 Achievements

As we come to the end of another year we have been reflecting on what we as a Club have achieved. Its certainly been a very busy and active year that we are very proud of.

We have had builders in for the past 4 months painting the outside of the building, adding french doors for easier access to the garden, building a ramp out the back door and putting in new paths connecting all 3 buildings.



In November we raised an outstanding amount for Children in Need (full write up on the following page).

We have designed and created a 'Yearly Planner' to make your lives as working parents a little easier by publishing all our holiday dates and trips for the next academic year.

We have been working with a design company to create signage for both our Galaxy and Minibus. This will be completed by the end of January.

This year has also seen a huge increase in our numbers over all 3 Clubs (Breakfast, After School and Holiday). During the Summer Holidays we took from 45 different schools. On average across all 3 Clubs we have 48% boys and 52% girls. 34% aged 8 and over, 46% under 8 years and 20% EYFS.

In April we started discussions with Danbury Park about opening up a 2nd Jesters on their site. Although this is still in the pipeline we are only at the early stages and will continue to update you all as we progress.

Opening hours

We open at 7:15am and close at 6:30pm.

We understand the busy lives of all our families however we have noticed an increase in lateness which is creating added pressure for staff and transport arrangements. It is paramount to us that we get all children to school on time.

If you are going to be late please try and find someone else to pick your child/ children up. Constant lateness will result in extra charges on your monthly bills.

If your child is going to be absent please call us by 8:15 am for Breakfast Club children and by 2:30pm for After School Club children.

Children who require breakfast with us need to be in **before** 8am and all children need to be in by 8:20am. Anyone arriving after this time may be asked to take their children to school if vehicles have either left or if it jeopardises other children being late for school.

Children in Need

We had a fantastic week raising money for Children In Need with a range of activities available for the children to take part in. On Monday 14th November we baked, decorated and sold cakes, on the Tuesday 12 children took part in a 2.5 mile ramble, on Wednesday we all had a pyjama party, on the Thursday we made Pudsey headbands, split pin Pudsey's and had our face painted, then finally on Friday we had a rainbow tea party.

Throughout the week we sold Pudsey merchandise and had a craft stall where Sue kindly donated 50% of the sales to our Children in Need fund.

We managed to raise an amazing £582.50 inc gift aid.

Thank you again to everyone who helped us reach this fantastic total.



Packed Lunches

During Holiday Club all children need to have a healthy packed lunch.

We would really value your support in trying to get the packed lunches more balanced and nutritious. Whilst most lunch boxes look delicious and healthy some are a little less so and overly filled with crisps and chocolate.

We are strictly a No Nut Club so please ensure all items in lunch boxes including sandwich fillers are nut free. We have children and staff with nut allergies.

Christmas Jokes

What do you call Father Christmas in the beach?
Sandy Clause!

What do you get if you cross Santa with a duck?
A Christmas Quacker!

Who is Santa's favourite singer?
Elf-is Presley!

What do Santa's little helpers learn at school?
The elf-abet!

Who is Santa Claus married to?
Mary Christmas!

Which of Santa's reindeers have to mind their manners most?
Rude-olph!

What do you call Rudolph with lots of snow in his ears?
Anything you want, he can't hear you!

Christmas Poem

Poem written by Mia, Max, Luke M, Chloe P and Ben B



Carols being sung
Decorations are up,
Presents under the Christmas Tree
Will Santa Claus get stuck
Christmas Pudding being cooked
Children having fun,
Happiness is all around
They cant wait to get their presents undone!
Show is falling all around
Families are all together
Lights are twinkling on the tree
We hope Christmas last forever.....



Christmas Tree Brownies

What you will need:

- 2 eggs
- 60g self-raising flour
- 30g unsweetened cocoa powder
- 1/4 teaspoon salt
- 1 teaspoon vanilla extract
- Green Icing Pens
- Smarties



Instructions:

1. Preheat oven to 180 C / Gas 4. Grease and flour a 20cm square tin.
2. In a medium bowl, beat together the butter and sugar. Add eggs and mix well. Combine the flour, cocoa and salt; stir into the sugar mixture. Mix in the vanilla and stir in walnuts, if using. Spread evenly into the prepared tin.
3. Bake for 25 to 30 minutes in the preheated oven or until edges are firm. Cool before cutting into triangles.
4. Give each child a triangle to decorate. Using the green icing pens draw on the leaf design and then use the smarties as the baubles

Merry Christmas

We wish you all a very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year from all the Jesters Team

