

Kids Like Us

BREAKFAST & AFTER SCHOOL CLUBS

Welcome to our spring newsletter – it has been a little while since we last saw a lot of you, but we thought we would share what some of our staff and children have been up to!

First, we'd like to thank you all for your continued support during these strange and difficult times. Your many good wishes and messages of appreciation are very welcome and appreciated on our side. We can't wait to see you all again soon!

Changing Faces

Many of you will remember Chloe Marsh from her days as supervisor at Holbrook and from holiday club. We are sad to say that Chloe left us at February half term for new pursuits. She has been with KLU for the last 8 years, starting as a volunteer during her time at college, working very hard to gain her childcare qualifications, taking over as supervisor at Holbrook before taking on the challenge of opening a new club at Southgate, where she built a happy and warm environment for the children. Most recently, she has been working as co-supervisor with Zoe at Southwater. We will miss her very much but look forward to hearing about how she is getting on.

Key Worker Children



Whilst many of you have not been with us over the last term, the children of key workers have been having lots of fun at club. You may have seen on Facebook the lovely displays

that the children have been working on, with under the sea, space and similarities and differences as the main focus of the displays. We think they look fab!

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The infant children have been very busy with all the usual playing but have been engrossed by the return of Hamma Beads! They have been very busy creating lots of shapes, patterns and characters out of the stencils! We have also played lots of group games (keeping our distance of course) including sleeping lions and musical statues.



The junior children meanwhile have been playing a lot of football outside (Harvey and Louis have been teaching them a thing or two about the rules), doing craft activities for the displays and taking part in lots of quizzes altogether.

Staff Activities

During this lockdown to keep themselves from missing club too much, our staff have been keeping themselves busy.

Graham and Louise have been kept very busy by their new puppy, taking part in online puppy training lessons and going on long walks in the evenings with their daughters.

Kirsty and Emily have been busy with the key worker children, juggling online learning and online socials, whilst also making the occasional cheesecake!



Harvey has been in helping with the key worker children, whilst also working hard to complete his final year dissertation for his maths degree. We're sure he will do very well in his final results!

Sue has been known for her cooking skills for all the wrong reasons in the past, this lockdown she's been refining her skills. She's particularly pleased with her cauliflower cheese!

Helen has been making plans to start writing a children's book, planning her character and beginning with life-like sketches of them – she's a very talented artist!

Louis has also been in helping with the key worker children. When not in club Louis has been doing some online training courses and taking part in virtual socials with his university friends.

Kids Like Us on Facebook

Don't forget to 'like' us on Facebook. It is a great way to get reminders about upcoming events, up-to-date information about the club, plus see what the children have been getting up to with some lovely photos. Please leave us a review as well, it would be very helpful! Keep your eye out for our Easter competition and the chance to win some prizes – there will be a post going up about it in the next few weeks!



Website

We have been working to update our website to make it more user friendly. There you can find booking forms, registration documents, important

policies, FAQs and much more.

Returning to school and club

We cannot wait to welcome you all back when schools re-open on 8th March. There are a few reminders we'd like to share before we go back.

When we return to club, we want to remind you all to keep your distance from one another, arrive

before 8.00am for breakfast, and not to collect your child before 4pm in the afternoon. Also please remember to let us know via text or email if your child will not be attending a session.

We also ask that you let us know if anyone in your family is awaiting test results and of any positive Covid Test results within your family as this may have an impact on the other children and staff.

There have been some changes to the staffing of the bubbles – Emily is now in Year 3 and Louis is now in Year 1, where they have been whilst schools are shut. Louise has also moved to Year 5.



September Starters & Sessions

Our books are now open for September bookings. If you have friends or family whose children will be starting at Holbrook Primary School in September, please recommend Kids Like Us to them. We have more spaces than usual this year due to the pandemic, so we hope to be able to help most people.

If you have children who will be starting Reception in September, please get in touch with the office about their place with us. Should you also need to change the sessions your child attends, please email the office with your request and we will do our best to accommodate the changes. It is important you do this as soon as you can, places on different days is entirely dependent on numbers in bubbles on those days so please be patient as we work through your requests.

We look forward to seeing you all again soon!

The Holbrook Kids Like Us Team