

NEWSLETTER – DECEMBER 2019

New faces

We have absolutely loved welcoming so many new faces to the club, from receptions to juniors to our lovely new staff, all of our new starters are bringing so much fun to the club. They have all settled in really well and it's great to have them as part of the Kids Like Us family!

The Coco's Foundation

As you may know, Kids Like Us has been raising money for the locally based

charity Coco's Foundation since 2013. Coco's gives direct support to orphans in South Africa by providing them with food and clothing as well as



building homes and access to clean water. Your orders should arrive very soon of your child's beautiful artwork that was turned into mugs, coasters and various other products. By placing an order, you will not only receive the perfect Christmas gifts but you will have helped support this fantastic cause. Kids Like Us does not profit from this at all. We look forward to sharing with you how much we have raised and how the funds will be used.

Top Banana and Star Junior

At Southwater Kids Like Us we know the importance to acknowledge the children's positive behaviour through praise, stickers and of course the much sought after prize of Top Banana (Infants) or Star Junior of the week. This is awarded to children who behave outstandingly, try really hard, are kind, patient, resilient and or respectful.

Top Banana means you get to wear the special badge for a whole week, in school, at home and in club. You get to choose a prize and get to take our lovely top Banana mascot home for the week. You also get to sit on the special top Banana chair at snack time and in the hall so all your friends know what you have achieved.

For the juniors we have Star Junior of the week. They get to take home the trophy for the week, choose a prize and keep a certificate. They also get to choose a treat each session they are in which range from a hot chocolate, milkshake, and chocolate bar to extra 10 minutes on the kindle. They are the "deputy" to the member of staff with them and help choose what group game to play at the beginning of the session, what toys to have out and what activities to do.

Holiday club

We have thoroughly enjoyed running our holiday clubs at Holbrook Primary School and we are delighted to see some Southgate faces there. In October half term we had 4 days of fun. The themes varied from 'Wonderful West End' to 'Arcade Antics. We apple bobbed, we had a football tournament and we even created and performed our very own musical. Check out our Facebook page to see all the fun we had!

Bookings are now open for the February half term holidays but we expect they will go quickly so please book soon to avoid disappointment. To book or for more information call us on 07761 230571 or email us at

holidayclub@kidslikeusclubs.co.uk.

Payment and fees

This term, you will receive your invoice on the 5th December and the payment deadline is the 20th



December. We are aware that some customers with Hotmail/gmail accounts have experienced problems with bills going into junk. We have been assured that adding our email addresses to your contacts,

'billing@kidslikeusclubs.co.uk' and 'info@kidslikeusclubs.co.uk', should avoid this problem.

Our terms and conditions specify that fees are payable half termly in advance, but unfortunately an increasing number of customers miss our payment deadline needing frequent reminders. This means that we are spending an ever-increasing amount of time chasing late payments throughout the term. A late payment charge will therefore be applied of £10 per week for every week that payment is late. Please ensure you pay on time to avoid being charged. If

you are experiencing difficulties in paying your invoice please call the office to discuss.

Please can you put your child's name as reference when making payment.

Mobile Phones at Club

It is an Ofsted safeguarding requirement that personal mobile phones are not used during club sessions. Kids Like Us has a business mobile purely for parents to contact us via call or text. Staff personal mobiles are locked in a secure place during every session. As this is a safeguarding requirement it is also extended

to parents, carers and siblings who are asked not to use their mobiles whilst on our premises, so please do not be offended if we ask you to take your call outside or to switch off. If your child has a mobile phone they will also be asked to lock it into our filing cabinet for safekeeping until they leave the premises. We do all of this to ensure the highest standards of safeguarding for the children in our care.



Kids Like Us on Facebook

Don't forget that Kids Like Us is active on Facebook - this is a great way for us to provide reminders and share some lovely photos of your children enjoying themselves. Please feel free to give our page a 'like'

to receive regular updates and useful information, search for Kids Like Us Clubs to find us!



We have some new reviews on our Facebook page and would like to thank everyone who has left one for their positive comments. We always welcome feedback and would love to see some more reviews if anyone has a spare few minutes to hand.

If you have previously not given permission for your child to be on Facebook but change your mind and decide you would like to see photos of what they have been up to, please let us know.

Breakfast Club

Breakfast is the most important meal of the day. We want the children in our setting to love having their breakfast and therefore we don't want this to be a rushed or stressful event. Therefore, we stop serving breakfast at 8:20am to

allow the children enough time to eat it before we have to tidy up and get them ready to go to school. Please ensure you bring your child into club before 8.20 if you wish for them to have breakfast.

With best wishes for a Merry Christmas and Happy New Year from all the Kids Like Us Team!

