



St Claire's

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Parents

Issue 2

Welcome to St Claire's monthly newsletter, for parents.

Happy New Year!!!

We hope you all had a great Christmas and a wonderful New year!

Now we are heading in to 2019, we are forever wanting to improve our services and encourage Suggestions and feedback from parents; Share your thoughts with a member of staff today!

If there is any news or achievement you would like to share with St Claire's please email us here and we'll get it in the newsletter.

IMPORTANT INFORMATION

If your children / child is booked in with us please let their teacher know, even the older children and particularly if it's a drop-in session.

Please let us know if your child is not coming to Club when they are booked in, as we often spend 20 - 30 minutes looking for children who are off school or have been collected from class this is as this is a Safeguarding issue, you can let us know by text or phone call.

Please keep your child / children's profile up to date with allergies, permissions and who can pick up.

BIG NEWS!

We have **WON** the **Innovation** in Childcare Award from the National Nursery Recognition Awards!

Why? They said "The innovation aspect that the judges saw was related to activities. Having dedicated more time developing activities and also bringing other providers and professionals to present new challenges and opportunities to kids was what was considered the most innovative."

How? YOU!! We won on votes from parents and community supporters!! Thank you so much, we are thrilled and completely inspired to make this year even better!!!

What is it we've actually done? A few years ago we decided to use our advertising budget on external activity providers for the children- we've had yoga and dance in After School Club, we've had an incredible array of activities in Holiday Club- from archery to meeting llamas! We have employed Jade and Tracey to exclusively work on planning activities, as a result of which we've had fantastic activities and the Crest scheme run at both Mudeford Juniors and Winton so far.

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Inside this issue: St Claire's News, Snacks, Price List. February Half Term

Lost Property

We have an abnormal amount of lost property left at the end of every day... please make sure your child's belongings are labelled, so we can return items as quick as possible! Many thanks!

Staff News

We have had some staff leave us and lots of staff join us.

We would like to welcome

Tara is our new manager at Winton

Lucy is our new Apprentice at Winton

Nicola is our new Deputy Manager at St Peters

Gonzalez is our new playworker at St Peters

Cerys is our new Apprentice at Mundeford Juniors

We wish them all the best of luck.

Please feel free to say hello to our new staff.

BABY CHICKS!

Whoo-hoo! Very excited to have <https://www.incredibleeggs.co.uk/hatching-chicks> coming to both Winton & St Peters in at the beginning of May!

Any of our St Claire's children at other Clubs are most welcome to go and pay them a visit - please email safeandsound@stclaires.co.uk for details



IMPORTANT

If your child has an allergy, please state it on your child's profile. We need to know as much information as possible, for us to provide the best care. For example, instead of just 'peanut allergy' please write 'peanut allergy on contact, if touched a rash will appear, antihistamine to be administered.' Telling a member of staff or emailing the office

DOES NOT ENSURE THE INFORMATION IS VISABLE TO THE RIGHT PEOPLE AT THE RIGHT TIME

If your child has a dietary requirement, again please give as much information as possible. For example, 'dairy intolerance if consumed, suffers from stomach cramps' likewise with any Mental Health or Behavioural issues- the better informed we are the more we can support effectively.

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Job Vacancies

Updated Price List

Price Review

This year when we met to review prices we had a lot to consider- the minimum wage is going up in April and we want to keep all wages competitive throughout our organisation- this helps with staff retention, quality of care and our ability to recruit effectively to get the best people we can to look after your children. We had to consider the rising cost of pensions and the cost of keeping the office running. We have therefore taken the following steps: we will be charging an admin fee of £5 to activate new portal accounts or if your account needs re-activating. This will start in April.

The Holiday Club prices will go up for the summer holidays and BC & ASC for September.

As always, we've tried really hard to balance quality and sustainability with cost- we hope you understand.

<u>HOLIDAY CLUB</u> (from June 3 rd 2019)	Rising to this
Early bird booking- Full daycare (8.30-5.30)	£25
Full daycare (8.30-5.30)	£28
Early Bird booking- Half day (8.30-1/1.00-5.30)	£17
Half day (8.30-1/1.00-5.30)	£19
Early start (from 8.am) or late finish ('til 6.pm)	£3
<u>AFTER SCHOOL CLUB</u> (from September 1 st)	
Regular booked session	£10.50
As & when/ Drop in session	£11.50
<u>BREAKFAST CLUB</u>	
	No change
Regular booked session	£4
As & when/ Drop in session	£4.50
<u>OTHER</u>	
Discount siblings	5%
Discount for 3 or more ASC	5%
Breakfast Club Discount (as no price rise)	0
Maximum discount given to any family	5%
<u>New</u>	
Administration fee- activate or re-activate your account	£5

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Theme: Around the World	Session one		Session two		Session three		Session four	
Monday	Journeys on Earth and Beyond Make it Fly British Science week	SNACK	CHINA, Spring Lantern Festival Baking	LUNCH	Khajuraho Dance Festival Dance Lesson	SNACK	Abu Simbel Festival Egyptian Foil Art design	TIDY UP TIME
Tuesday	Charles Darwin Comic strip design		Thomas Edison Project		Children Parade show for Rio Carnival		Making fizzling bath bombs	
Wednesday	Can you make a sitting chair from Cardboard?		World Radio Day		Awesome sound Wave experiments		Traffic Jam Team Game	
Thursday	Thomas Edison project		Crafty Rafts Crest Awards		Dyson Engineer Balloon car race		Sky lantern making for Taiwan festival	
Friday	Kite Calamity Crest Awards		Banana Day- Banana bread making		Bonkers Banana games		Carnival of Venice – Mask & costume making	

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Monday	Topic Discussion: icy condition's. & Making Snow dough Sensory Play	SNACK	Snow & Ice Fun Hour	LUNCH	Baking Icy Cup Cakes.	SNACK	Craft making: Antarctic Picture	TIDY UP TIME
Tuesday	Science Activity How Do Polar Animals Keep Warm		Discovering Ice and String experiment		Craft making: Penguin cardboard roll		Dance Lesson: Learning the Penguin Dance	
Wednesday	Craft Making: Ice Age Necklace's		STEAM Activity: Igloo Project		Craft Making: Ice Age Necklace's Continued Craft Making: Plate hanging snow flake		Jack Frost Games	
Thursday	Making a Woolly Mammoth Herd wall Collage		Discovering how temperature effects living things.		Cave Man Painting		North Pole South Pole Game	
Friday	Explore and Experiment with Frozen Ooblick		Making hanging plate snow flakes		Making a 3d snowman		Movie Time: Ice Age	

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