

After School Clubs

Spring 2017

Dear Parents

We are pleased to inform you that our After School Clubs will be commencing on **Monday 13th February**. This term will run for a period of 10 weeks. However, due to mid term break there will be no clubs the week beginning the 20th February. Also, the school will be closed for 2 weeks in April so there will be no clubs during that time. **Please note that parents can not enrol their child(ren) in more than two clubs. This is to ensure that all children get a chance to participate in the afterschool clubs. If there are still places available on clubs after registration day we will notify all parents and you may then book further clubs.** In the interest of fairness we would ask that parents only enrol their own children.

Registration Day

When? Saturday 28th January 2017 at 10am

Where? At the school

What do I need to bring?

- A completed registration form (one form to be completed for each child).
- Fee – please bring exact change (cheques are welcome but don't write the amount until places are secured).

What to expect on registration day?

Please enter the School Hall from the Junior/Senior Infants yard at the back of the school. You will be given a numbered ticket, proceed to the booking tables in the lobby when your number is called. There will be a table assigned to each day of the week. Once you've registered the place on preferred club or clubs you can then move to the payment table. Payment can be made by either cheque or cash (if paying by cash please try to have exact change as this will help speed up the registration process). Some clubs fill up quickly so arrive early to avoid disappointment; there are only 10 places per club. We ask that parents understand that the organisers are parents themselves and are helping out voluntarily so please be patient if there are delays. Please don't ask them to hold places or pre-book children onto club lists.

Important Notes

- In the interest of safety we cannot stress enough that children attending the football/sports clubs must have the appropriate clothing and footwear.
- Clubs will start at 1.15pm and finish at 2.15pm for Junior/Senior Infants, 2.15pm to 3.15pm for all other classes. When school finishes, children will proceed to the junior yard as usual and then join the line for their club. We ask you to ensure that you arrive on time to collect children.
- The form is available for download on the school website – www.skerrieseducatetogether.ie. There will be forms available on the table just inside the main school door. Parents who are unable to attend on Thursday evening registration will have an opportunity to register on the following Monday morning (30th January) at the school from 8.30am (in the old reception area), providing there are places still left available. **Please note that places in the clubs will be on a first come first served basis. In order for your child's place to be fully booked, payment is required at registration. There will be a waiting list set up if needed, should there be any cancellations.**
- If a club is cancelled or if parents need to be notified of any changes, a text will be sent out as soon as possible. We will also post updates on the school website and Facebook page.
- For health and safety reasons and for the enjoyment of all children in the clubs the school's code of behaviour will apply during club time. If the leader believes that a child is not enjoying the club they may at their discretion ask the parent/s to consider the child's membership in the club.

It is mandatory that children have Liability Insurance. It is a strict requirement that children are covered in order to take part in an afterschool club. Insurance organised by the PA in September or with another school is sufficient. If a child isn't covered, they can't take part in the afterschool clubs program. Parents will need to indicate on the form that they take responsibility for ensuring their child is covered.

Who is on the After School Clubs Committee?

We are parents of children attending Skerries Educate Together. The whole idea of the clubs is to allow children experience new activities in a safe, friendly and familiar environment. Our hope is that these clubs will nurture and inspire the children and most importantly that they have FUN!!! The current committee members are:

Ciara Boylan, Carmel Crowley, Joanne Martin Sheelagh Hogan, Mandy Greene We would love to hear from you if you would like to become a Leader and run a club of your own!

*The School does **not** run the Clubs so they won't be able to answer your questions directly.*

Clubs

Art (All Classes)

The children will have lots of fun as there is no wrong way to explore art; there are just different ways of looking at it. Each term we do different things to keep this club fresh and new! (This could get messy, so parents please consider providing an old shirt for your child, to save their clothes or even dress them in clothes that won't matter if they get dirty on this day). Leader - Gina

Basketball (2nd to 6th Class only)

Come along each week to have fun and learn how to play basketball. Learn all about the rules, take part in training and competitions while having fun and keeping fit. Leader - Dara

Chess (1st to 6th Class)

Chess is one of the oldest games in the world and Right Moves Chess Academy was established to bring chess to children across Dublin. Chess is extremely helpful in brain development, particularly when it is played regularly from a very early age and improves the learning, thinking, analytical power, and decision-making ability of the child. Children playing chess from an early age exhibit extraordinary memory skills and improved concentration. In the academy we learn how to play the game, how to analyse moves, tactics and the importance of planning - it's also a lot of fun too! Leader - Gerry

Craft & Sewing (All Classes)

Do you enjoy making things? In this club you will get to make lots of fun crafts like your own bean bag, your own felt bag, finger puppets, Easter decorations, felt animals, etc. This is a club for the creatively inclined and for those who love making things – most of all, it's fun. Leader - Rosie

Creative Writing (1st to 6th Class)

More about the creativity than the writing. Grammar, punctuation, spelling, good handwriting and all the other more technical elements of writing are hugely important for the effective communication of your story but they are **NOT** the province of this club. Sure, they'll be in the mix; but as tools not rules. In this club our aims are to normalise tapping into that mysterious thing we call creativity, tell the stories we all have to tell and, of course, to have fun! Leader - Seán

Dance & Drama (Junior & Senior Infants)

Dance and Drama help to increase the degree of thinking, feeling and movement. It enhances cognitive, affective and motor development. Drama teaches children life skills, communication and socialising skills. Music and dance frees the spirit and brings out the creative forces in children and it is fun! Leader - Hannah

Drama (1st to 4th Class only)

This club is an all singing, all dancing, all acting, all smiling form of expression. If your child has any interest in the theatre arts then this is the club for them. Throughout the term we will work on developing self-confidence, teamwork skills, articulation, diction, stage craft, co-ordination of song and movement and, most importantly, having fun through song and dance. There will be a strong focus on developing vocal range and having a lot of fun through songs that the children love and enjoy! Leader - Alison

Gardening (Junior & Senior Infants)

In this afterschool garden club, kids learn the basics of gardening through fun and exciting hands-on activities. Discover the secrets of soil and composting, and meet some wriggly worms. Plant veggie and flower seeds, tend seedlings and later transplant them into the Children's Garden. Explore the Garden's insects and birds and create wonderful habitat for them. This is a fun, hands on club for little people who love being outdoors. Leader - Louise

Lego (All Classes)

This club offers children a chance to improve dexterity, use their imagination through learning play with Lego and other construction sets. They will have lots of fun creating, inventing, building and changing their minds to create all over again. This club is bound to be fantastic fun for everyone! **Leaders - Anne (Infants) & Antoinette (1st to 6th Class)**

Storytelling (Junior & Senior Infants)

Following on from the very successful story tent at the 'Pumpkinfest' last term, Aisling will be running a story club for Junior and Senior infants. It will take place in our fabulous school library. Each week the children in the club will go on a journey of the imagination exploring books through the happy magic of words, song and movement. **Leader - Aisling**

Science (All Classes)

'Why is the sky blue Mammy?' 'How do plants grow?'" When a child asks this kind of question they have taken the first step into the world of science and in Science Club they'll discover what it's like to take the next: finding answers to those questions. Also we'll be doing lots of cool, fun stuff! **Leader – Seán**

Soccer (Junior & Senior Infants)

This club is an introduction to soccer. The children will learn about tactics, skill, teamwork, the rules of the game and a love for sport. This club promotes fitness, inclusion, respect, and fun! What makes this club very special is that each child will have a football during the club time so no child is left out. Girls and boys are both very welcome to join. **Leader – Fran**

Athletics (1st to 6th Class)

Come along each week to have fun learning a few different aspects of athletics. This club includes jumping, throwing and running (short and long distances) activities. Learn all about the rules, take part in training while having fun and keeping fit.

Leader - Conor

Ukulele (2nd to 6th Class)

In this club the children will have fun learning how to play the Ukulele. This club will promote commitment and a sense of pride and achievement as they begin to realise that they themselves can make music happen! This in turn will be great for the children's confidence. A ukulele will be provided for the duration of the club term. Children will be allowed to bring their ukulele home each week to practice on. **Leader – David**

Yoga & Mindfulness (All Classes)

Yoga and mindfulness for children helps to prepare them for life. It aims to teach the children how to deal with difficult emotions, how to relax, how to connect with their heart and with nature. During the classes we will use different yoga and mindfulness techniques like playing mindful games, learning yoga poses, storytelling, arts & crafts and even practicing mindful eating 😊

Leader – Magda

***If you have any queries we would prefer to correspond by email ciaraandrichard@hotmail.com
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If you call and don't get a reply we will return the call as soon as we can.