



Registered Charity Number: **1142955**
OFSTED Registration Number: **EY445021**

COVID-19 – Since March 2020 the club has changed quite significantly. The club had to close and we were unable to open until September 2020 with reduced number of schools. We had to adhere to the Government Guidelines for out of school settings and each school had to be in their own bubble and with limited space, we sadly had to lose Mellis and Roydon. Our numbers declined dramatically due to a lot of parents working from home and being furloughed. We ran for the Autumn Term but once again due to the January lockdown had to close once more before being able to re-open on March 8th 2021. It was with sad hearts we had to temporarily close the breakfast club.

Looking forward to the future, we are optimistic after June our bubbles might be able to mix which would be a great thing for all the children to get mixing together once more. We are hoping as more parents return to the workplaces, our numbers will start rising and the after school club will once again become a hive of activity.

Committee Business

We have a new committee made up as follows;

Chair: [Gemma Jackson](#)
Secretary: [Ruth Sidwell](#)
Treasurer: [Allie Turner-Clay](#)
Trustees: [Jenny Ralls](#), [Sarah Raynham](#) and [Gavin Clay](#)

Email account

Can we please remind all parents to use our Gmail account for ALL communications;
botesdaleoutofhours@gmail.com

In the event your child will not be attending their session, please send a text message to our club mobile, staff will pick this up and take action.

Term Dates:

March 8th to Friday 28th May
Half Term Week
commencing Monday 31st
May
End of Summer Term
Tuesday 20th July 2021

Telephone Number

Should you need to contact us by mobile, please continue to use the following number;

07952 961285

This is the only number to be used please

Facebook

Please like our page and leave valuable feedback if you wish. You will also find valuable information on our page.

Website:

www.botesdale-after-school-club.org.uk

Summer Newsletter



Outside Play

As a result of Covid and needing to maintain school bubbles, playing outside is not an option at the moment unfortunately. We very much hope by June 21st when full lockdown is lifted, the bubbles too will be lifted and the children can play together, at which time we can take them outside.

New fees;

1 hour 3.25 p.m. to 4.30 p.m. £7.50/£6.50

2 hours 3.25 p.m. to 5.30 p.m. £12.50/£11.50

Full session up to 6 p.m. £15/£14

2021/22 Subscription £20

Additional charges for transport fees and after school activity pick-ups

Sickness/Non-Attendance

Can all parents contact us on or before 9.30 a.m. on the day if they know their child or children will not be attending either clubs? Most importantly the children who we collect from the other schools. Each week we send drivers out to 3 other schools and just one child down makes a big difference to the number of vehicles which are sent out.



Nut and food allergies

Could all parents make sure we are fully aware of any allergies your child might have. We offer a hot snack on the colder days so if your child is not able to eat any particular food, please make us aware and we will make sure our hot food is able to be eaten by them all.

Tuck Shop

We are going to restart our tuck shop after half term. Pre packed sweets will be on sale one day each week 50p per bag.

Tuesday 8th June

Wednesday 16th June

Thursday 24th June

Tuesday 29th June

Wednesday 7th July

Thursday 15th July

Policies and Operational Portfolio

A full set of policies and procedures will be available should you wish to read these.

Booking forms will have a column for tuck shop payments. If you are happy for your child to have tuck on any of these days, please tick and add the payment to your fees.

Fund Raising Events

Unfortunately all our fund raising events face to face have had to stop during the past year. We did hold a very successful Christmas raffle together with a Lottery bonus ball which were both very well supported.

We are going to hold a cake raffle at the end of each month. The first one being end of May. Raffle tickets will be on sale for £1 per ticket with immediate effect.

We also will be holding an end of term hamper raffle.

SPREAD THE WORD

The After School Club will be re-opening on a Monday from September which is fabulous news. Please pass on the word to all your friends.

We will also be sending out a questionnaire very soon to find out whether we can re-open our Breakfast club. We value your response as to whether this is an option you would be interested in using.

Message from our Committee:

We would like to thank all parents for your continued support for the club. To those parents who haven't necessarily needed childcare but have continued to use us to help the club keep numbers up and open - **thank you.**

We have been very fortunate to have received funding from various sources;

Mid Suffolk Locality Budget
Mrs Roper Third Settlement Fund
Babergh District Council
Mid Suffolk District Council
Facebook Love Raffle donated Chocolate selection boxes last Christmas and have recently donated a great selection of table top games for the children

Together with some parents who have donated childcare vouchers

We are truly grateful for all these donations and the funding

