



NEWSLETTER AUTUMN 2018

HALF TERM HOLIDAY CLUB!

**WITH OUR HALF DAY & SCHOOL DAY OPTIONS,
THERE'S SOMETHING FOR EVERYONE!**

**WEDS 24TH - FRI 26TH OCTOBER
9AM - 3PM**

**PLENTY OF ACTIVITIES, GAMES & CRAFTS!
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PLACES AVAILABLE!



Need to increase your childcare this Autumn?

If you are in need of more childcare, don't forget, as a loyal and registered user of the service, you get priority over new enquires!

There are only a few places available so snap yours up to avoid disappointment as we can get pretty busy with the new school year under way!!

Ad hoc places are also available but terms & conditions apply. Speak to staff for more details.

OUTDOOR PLAY @ GINGERBREADS

With the weather changing to a more 'autumnal' feel, can we ask parents to ensure children take coats with them to school please so they have them for outdoor play whilst at Gingerbreads. A few haven't had them and unfortunately we don't have any spares to offer. Outdoor play is really popular with the children and some children have complained about being cold later on in the day. Many thanks ☺



NORFOLK COUNTY COUNCIL

CHILDREN'S CENTRES

You may have heard on the news recently that Norfolk County Council are making big changes to how they run their Children's Centres and that some may be closing.

I have had a meeting recently with the Downham Market Children Centre Area Manager who outlined the details of the proposed changes and what the impact could be on Gingerbreads Out of School Care Ltd.

Norfolk County Council have been working on the re-design of a proposed new service for children's centres which reflects national and local changes as to how families are supported and considers the needs of parents with children aged 0 - 5 years across Norfolk.

The proposed model for an 'Early Childhood and Family Service' has been published and can be found online at www.norfolk.gov.uk/childrenscentres

The consultation for the proposals is now open and remains so until Friday 9th November 2018. If you would like to 'have your say' about your views on the proposals, then you should complete the online survey using the link above.

The Children's Services Committee meets on Tuesday 22nd January 2019 to consider the results of the public consultation so if you'd like your voice heard, please make the time to consider the proposals and put your views forward.

At this stage none of the 53 designated children's centres across Norfolk have been confirmed as closing. Downham Market Children's Centre have confirmed they shall operate as usual for the foreseeable future, as does Gingerbreads.

I have downloaded the consultation booklet and shall email this out to parents. If you have any questions or queries, please do not hesitate to come and speak to me at the club.

Further developments are likely to follow after the Committee meeting in January. I shall feedback as necessary.

New fee structure

A big thanks goes out to all parents who have supported the new fee payment structure which was recently brought in to streamline payments. I must say, it has been very positively received by many parents and carers and so far, it has made accounts tasks much improved. For those parents who have struggled with timing their standing orders, please do not worry. If you know there could be a delay in payments just let me know.



If you refer a friend to
Gingerbreads and they book a
permanent after school club contract
with us, then you shall receive
£40.00 credit on your account!

NB: terms & conditions apply. Enquire for more details.



Have your say!



You'll be receiving an email in due course from Survey Monkey. Survey Monkey is, as it suggests, an online survey website, which allows surveys to be produced so companies can get feedback from its customers on the service they provide. The survey

consists of ten questions that are specific to Gingerbreads. We would appreciate it if you could spare a few moments to complete the survey. We hope that we can get a good insight into parent's views and opinions; what we do well and how we could improve what we offer. If you have any queries or have problems completing the survey, please let us know and we'll do our best to help. Thank you 😊



The school calendar we work towards:

Autumn term 2018 ends - Tuesday 18th December 2018

HALF TERM HOLIDAY CLUB! See above

Half term holidays - Thursday 18th - Friday 26th October 2018

Spring term starts - Thursday 3rd January 2019