

Funstorm: Spring Term 2018

The booking period for spring term 2018's Funstorm – the new brand name for our after school programme - is now open. If you wish to be allocated any sessions then be sure to **complete and return the attached booking form by the deadline of Friday December 8th**.

CHANGES TO OUR ASC PROVISION

While we are continuing doggedly with our fundraising efforts, unfortunately we have not received extra funds sufficient enough to bring back our Friday sessions. Therefore our after school programme will continue next term at three days a week under the headings detailed below.

For autumn term 2017 we received the same high level of demand for spaces but under a 3-day week were only able to allocate families a maximum of 3 sessions per fortnight. Following on from the start of the new academic year and the new students that this brings, it is entirely possible that the demand for spaces will increase further. Please apply for all the sessions you are interested in, as we will be running a waiting list. Although we still hope guarantee 3 sessions per fortnight please be prepared that we may only be able to guarantee families 1 session per week for next term if demand does go up again.

TUESDAYS: KIDS' CHOICE CLUB

We will meet in the first week to do a little cooking and make our choices from the selection of outings, arts & crafts, sensory related activities and other fun leisure pursuits on the attached programme. **Non-verbal pupils will get symbols to vote and pupils not present on the first Tuesday will still get their say for the sessions they are attending.** Options for this term include dinosaur themed craft nights, café trips and an Easter Egg hunt!

WEDNESDAYS: COOKING CLUB

We return again to our theme for spring term at cooking club: 'Cooking Around the World'. Students will get to use symbolled recipes and specialised equipment to create their dishes as independently as possible. At the end of each half term we invite parents, carers and siblings to join us to share a selection of our favourite dishes we have made. This term we'll be cooking dishes from China, Mexico, Italy and many more. **Please note we currently cater for wheat and gluten free students as well as those with vegetarian and halal requirements.**

THURSDAYS: SPLASH & ACTIVE CLUB

Thursdays are designed to get your children burning off as much energy as possible with the weekend looming. The group splits into primary and secondary age groups (**your attached programme will now only show the activity on offer to your child's age group**). The groups take it in turns to access the school hydrotherapy pool and take part in active sessions such as rebound therapy, walks in our local woods and games. **Any child attending a swim night must bring from home all the necessary swim kit, pads and flotation aids they require. If we do not feel they have the necessary items then unfortunately your child will not be able to swim.**

Cost & Accessibility

On the autumn term 2017 booking form we issued a questionnaire regarding possible fee increases. Many of you replied to this, and the vast majority of you who did respond indicated that you would be willing and able to pay between £15-£20 per session. **After careful consideration we have decided to raise fees as of January 2018 to £12 per session.** If future funding efforts still prove challenging then further increases may be possible.

Some students may be entitled to one free session per week through pupil premium funding. If you are unsure of your entitlement then please speak to Emma in the school office.

Our staff are trained and experienced in managing challenging behaviour and supporting those with high medical and/or physical support needs. If you have any queries please contact Rob on the phone, through the home/school diary or via email (rob.broughton@portesbery.surrey.sch.uk).