



Shining Stars Breakfast and After School Club

The Shining Stars School Club first opened for St Peter's pupils in September 2013. Since that time the club has become a big part of the school community, providing a successful childcare facility within the school premises.

The children have the use of many of the schools facilities; computer room, playground area (which has a football pitch, basketball nets, adventure play area and tennis area). We also provide scooters, a sandpit, water play, and various outdoor games.

There are many activities the children can take part in. We have a pool table, Xbox, air hockey table, board games, building blocks & Lego, cars, role play shop, dolls and pushchairs, dressing up costumes, painting, clay modelling, various arts and crafts, and so much more.....

Our children are encouraged in dance, singing, and also physical activities including team sports, dodgeball and gardening.

After a successful trial last term, we are now introducing meal time menus during September which will feature on a regular basis. In small groups the children take part in a weekly challenge of healthy food choice and menu preparation for all club members. They have a lucky dip of ingredients which are then discussed and put together to provide a healthy breakfast and afternoon snack for everyone. The group of children then prepare their chosen menu under staff supervision, before serving the end product to the other club members during a chosen session. The receiving club members are then invited to comment on the foods they have been given, and use post-its to

show their comments. These are collected for staff to discuss for future menu choices.

The children are enjoying this hands-on approach, so much so that they have also requested that a fruit salad menu be introduced once a week. Two of our club members have already put together a long list of tropical and unusual fruits for everyone to try on rotation, and are hoping that the introduction of new flavours within the setting for all our members will increase their tastes and choices. This will also be put into practise during September 2016.

We feel it is both important and enjoyable for the children to be involved in the cooking and preparation of any afternoon snacks provided. We do baking and cookery on a regular basis within the setting, giving the children the opportunity to be creative with food.

We pride ourselves on always being open to the children's requests, ensuring that the children have as much input within the setting, broadening their growing minds and experiences.

Our staff members liaise daily with the teaching staff upon collection of children; this allows both parties to have a clear understanding of children's requirements.

Our aim is to assist children with homework, by encouraging them to use our quiet corner/library/computer room during our sessions.

Shining Stars believes the club is not just for the children to be cared for but for the children to enjoy, giving them as many opportunities as we can to assist their growth and well being.

We were extremely pleased during July 2016 to have taken our members on our first outing. 53 members and staff went to Hollywood

Bowl for a fantastic event, and everybody had a wonderful time. We are hoping to hold more off site events in the future.

We aim to have an end of year party at school in July. In previous years we have had a bouncy castle and mascots, a balloon modeller and disco party. In 2016 we had our first school prom - these events have been amazing and been received extremely well by everyone.

The safeguarding and wellbeing of the children in our care is always of the highest priority. Staff ensure that all our members have an enjoyable and happy time, whilst in the setting.

We welcome new members at any time – not just at the start of a new academic year or term. We are available at all times and happy to discuss a child's needs or any concerns that may need addressing to ensure your child has a wonderful stay with us.

Our morning session starts at 7.30am with all children being served breakfast by 8.15am followed by a fun activity session. We escort our under 5s to class.

The after school session starts at 3.15pm and we collect our under 5s from class. Children are given a drink and biscuit on arrival and a snack is served at 4.15pm.

We have two priced sessions: Collection by 4.45pm or by 6pm daily.

Our direct contact number is available between 7.15am to 6.00pm Monday to Friday on 07906078654 and this is our preferred method of contact. Or alternatively you can ring the school office on 0116 2775750.

