



OSCARS Newsletter ~ March 2018

Message from OSCARS chair...

We held our second parents evening for the year on 26th February, and did not have any parents from FCCE School attend.

Whilst we are delighted that you are pleased with the service we provide, which is reflected in the Survey Monkey results, the committee and staff are concerned with the longevity of OSCARS and its continuing success.

I will be stepping down as Chair in June and we are in need of more committee members to ensure the running of OSCARS – no committee = no OSCARS. We meet every 6 weeks for an hour, and help Pam and the staff in the running and management of the scheme, it is not onerous and a great way of supporting what we all see as such a valuable service.

Our AGM is on Tuesday 19th June and we would be delighted for parents to attend and support, with a view to joining our small team. Please feel free to contact Pam, or myself for more information.

Thank you for returning your Easter Playscheme booking forms so promptly! We have children booked from 68 families and are fully booked for the second week. Please phone to check availability first if you need any sessions next week.

Due to unprecedented demand we were fully booked on Thursday 5th April only 3 days after the booking forms were sent out!



February Playscheme was enjoyable, we were able to offer all our planned activities and the weather didn't disrupt us too much let's hope that will be the same for Easter!





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Thank you to all who responded to our latest survey, we had 50 responses (about 25%). Here is a small selection of both the positive and negative comments;

- + The family style approach to it. The fact you know your families and children so well. Amazing pastoral care. The range of activities on offer but with no obligation - child led approach is brilliant.
- + Great variety of activities and encouragement of outdoor activities. Mixing of younger and older children.
- + Lovely setting, like home from home, kids can choose from a range of activities and crafts plus outdoor choices.
- + Value for money and fun friendly environment whilst we are working through holidays.
- + We had lots of positive comments re reliability and friendly caring staff. Thank you!

- Sometimes the main room feels cramped

- Limited differentiation for yr5 and yr6

- Only wish you had a separate 'chill out' space

- Snacks are very small- children are ravenous and starving when I collect them.

This was not the only comment about our snacks. The government are now recommending 100 calorie snacks. During term time we are willing for you to provide a packed tea for your child to be stored in our fridge to be eaten later in the afternoon. Please remember no nuts or nut products!

-7.45am start as really need 7.30

Again this was not the only comment regarding us opening earlier, we did look into this a couple of years ago after a previous survey, but due to the extra cost of staffing etc, and the need to change our diocese agreement it was agreed that we would continue with our original times.

All the survey monkey comments will be available for you to read at the AGM which as we have already mentioned is on **Tuesday 19th June** in OSCARS.