

The Clay Shack

expression through creativity!

Captures memories
and gives a sense
of achievement



A mobile workshop for
all events, parties,
playgroups, schools,
additional needs and
the elderly.



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THE CLAYSHACK AFTER SCHOOL CLUB

We are coming to ST Mary's school.

We are two practising ceramic artists with over 20 years experience between us. During this time we had worked predominantly with adults and children with additional needs. We founded The Clayshack four years ago after finding out that very few primary schools had ceramics on their curriculum anymore. This was due to government funding and cuts. Schools having to spend the little funds they had on much more academic subjects. We felt that children were missing out on being creative and being able to express this part of their character.

Our flagship school is Longfleet primary school based in Poole. We started doing one afterschool club 1 day a week. Due to the popularity and demand for the club we quickly grew to three days a week and every half term is full to its capacity. Many of the children in the groups have been with us up to three years. We have children coming back to see us after high school because they miss it so much. We feel this in itself proves the love for the arts and our club within the primary school setting.

We have found that clay is a wonderful medium for many children, allowing them to relax and forget about their worries and the pressures of every day. Many children would not touch clay in their lifetime due to the arts being cut in schools. We felt this very sad, as we know firsthand how wonderful clay can be. At The Clayshack we believe that all children should be given the opportunity to express themselves creatively and have some fun.

In our classes we encourage that creativity. We ask the children what they would like to make and help them build and achieve their ideas. We teach many different aspects of hand building and sculpting. Team building set pieces as a group. We use fine earthenware and terracotta clay. We teach the children all about the drying and firing process and what the kiln does. The children love getting messy and squidding the clay. They love the group chats about what we are going to make next and how we are going to make it.

We run weekly competitions for builder of the week and table of the week. The winner receives a medal to keep and a sweet. This causes a lot of excitement within the groups.

We hope that every child that comes through our doors will have a clay masterpiece to cherish with memories that last long into their adulthood. We very much look forward to meeting your children.

Best wishes Erica and Dawn.

GET CREATIVE WITH CLAY!

THE CLAYSHACK is now offering your child the fantastic opportunity to take part in our after school clay workshops at ST MARY,S School on Tuesday afternoons from 3.20pm-4.30pm starting on the 3rd of March 2020.

We offer a fun, safe, creative environment with two trained ceramic artists who will take your child through the hands on process of creating, sculpting and building with fine earthenware clay .

Each half term your child will learn a new sculpting technique, and be encouraged to develop their own artistic style in our fun and relaxed environment.The classes are very popular with the children who enjoy getting messy, and love our builder of the week competition and best table prizes .

The children also paint their finished masterpiece. This will then be taken to be glazed and kiln fired .Please allow 4 weeks after the term finishes ,for their work to be returned to them .This is due to the clay drying and firing processes.

Spaces will be allocated on a first come first served basis . On receipt of a completed form and payment of £45.00.

If your child is successful, we will then contact you via text message. All other names will be placed onto our waiting list for the next half term.

All aprons, materials and tools are provided.

We look forward to meeting you all.

CHILDS NAME:

AGE:

CLASS:

TUESDAY 3rd,10th,17th,24th,31st MARCH 2020

My child will be collected at 4.30pm by:

I enclose a cheque/cash for £45.00 per HALF TERM , in a sealed/named envelope.

Cheques should be made payable to ERICA HALE.

PLEASE HAND COMPLETED FORMS INTO THE SCHOOL OFFICE BY THE 28TH FEBRUARY 2020.

Are there any medical/additional needs that the staff should be aware of?

We have a Clayshack Facebook page with regular weekly posts .Parents/carers will be able to see pictures of their child and what they are making.

Are you happy for your child to be photographed for our promotional/advertising purpose

EMERGENCY/ CONTACT NO :

EMAIL:

PARENT/CARERS NAME:

PARENT/CARERS SIGNATURE :