



Mid-Season Minis & Juniors Newsletter – Dec 2017

Dear Members

We wanted to give you an update on what's been going on in the Minis & Juniors section of the club so far this season. One of our priorities this season is to improve communication across the various teams within AK, and so this is one step in that direction.

We have had some very busy Sunday mornings at the clubhouse so far this year, and the new coffee machine has been going down well with parents, keeping them warm as they watch their kids play. Thanks to Chris Barlow and all the staff for looking after us all!

Across the club we have introduced a new membership system. Lil Norbury and Helen Hollis, our Membership Secretaries have reported excellent uptake, with numbers in the M&J section at 253 register players & coaches. John Stevenson, Club Treasurer says this has contributed to a healthy bank balance which allows us to make sure the club is on a sound financial footing, and we can also invest in some new equipment.

The **M&J's Christmas Jumper Party** (for adults) on evening of Friday 15th Dec 2017 is filling up nicely, but tickets are still available at £10 including a glass of mulled wine and mince pie! Please come down and enjoy a fun evening, getting to know other members at the club whilst enjoying live entertainment from one of our M&J Coaches!

We are also planning the **Children's Christmas Party** at the club on Sunday 17th Dec 2017 from 3pm, where there will be music, dancing, party food and even a special visitor! It costs you £5 per child which includes food and a gift from Santa! Parent volunteers would be most welcome! Please ask at the Tuck Shop on a Sunday.

On the theme of communication, we have encouraged all squads to have their own "WhatsApp" group or similar to make sure we can communicate quickly across the parents, especially as the weather turns and some fixtures get cancelled/re-arranged. If you don't have this in place please speak to your teams Head Coach.



A big **thank you** to all those parents who have taken a turn in marshalling our car parking on Sundays (Under 6's parents pictured), leading to improved relations with our local neighbours! Please keep it up whilst we continue to fund raise for a new car park!

The Tuck Shop continues to be very popular, and Anne is just fantastic! Thank you Anne!!

We are always keen to hear from parents about how we can improve, and our contact details are below, so please speak up with ideas or suggestions!

Finally, as the Sunday mornings get colder, we wanted to say a huge thank you to all our volunteer parents, coaches and team managers that keep the kids teams going. It's a rewarding job to coach the kids, which is lucky because it is not well paid!

With best wishes for the festive season from your Mini & Juniors Chairmen,

Yours in rugby,

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Christmas
Jumper Party
Night Tickets at
the Tuck Shop!

Save the Date – M&J End of Season Awards

Sat 19th May