



Ellingham & Ringwood RFC

Mini & Junior Academy

WINTER NEWSLETTER - DECEMBER 2009

MINIS CHRISTMAS PARTY SUNDAY 13TH DECEMBER 2009 4:30pm - 7:30pm

This season's Minis Christmas Party will be held at Parsonage Barn Lane Clubhouse this coming Sunday 13th December. Mr Merlin will be there to amaze you with two special shows full of 'magic and fun'. (One for the U6-U9 age groups and another for the U10-U12 squads) Santa has also promised to come along and there will be a great present for each of our mini players.

Players (and parents) from the U6's, U7's, U8's and U9's squads should arrive between 4:30 and 4:45pm and those from the older age groups (U10's, U11's & U12's) should arrive by 5:45pm

The club bar will also be open throughout the party from 4:30pm until 7:30pm, so everyone - players, mums & dads and grandparents come along and enjoy the Christmas fun!

WEATHER TOO BAD TO TRAIN?

CHECK OUT www.ringwoodrugby.com BEFORE YOU LEAVE HOME

Check out the Mini & Junior Academy web site at www.ringwoodrugby.com for news and details about fixtures and training. If training on a Sunday has to be called off due to unplayable pitches/bad weather a notice will be published on the home page of the web site by 9:15am on the Sunday. So check out the web site before you leave home, BUT remember if it doesn't say it's cancelled **your coaches will be there** and ready to train at the usual time.

CHILD WELFARE

The mini & junior academy strongly supports the RFU culture of Teamwork, Respect, Enjoyment, Discipline and Sportsmanship in the way we coach and encourage our players to play rugby. The Club's safeguarding policy covers a wide range of issues, including a requirement that all of our coaches have had a Criminal Records Bureau check. Angie Spall is the Club's Child Welfare Officer and if you have any concerns please call her on (01425) 473363.

ANNUAL SUBSCRIPTIONS

A big thank you to all players who have already paid their subscriptions, however there are still a number outstanding. If we believe we have not yet received your subscription for this season, there will be a note enclosed with this newsletter. The annual subscription is £55 for families with one child at the club and £65 for families with two or more children attending. Please make your cheques payable to 'ERRFC' and hand them into your coach/manager or Trevor Bristow on a Sunday morning or post them to Steve Benson, 66 Fairlie, Ringwood BH24 1TS. Before Christmas please!

The club will always try to support and assist anybody who is experiencing severe financial hardship in these trying times. Please contact Trevor Bristow or Steve Benson for more information.

DATES FOR YOUR SOCIAL DIARY

The senior club runs a range of fun and enjoyable social events during the season. Mini & Junior Academy parents (and children) are always made very welcome. Coming up soon:

19/12/09 Adults Christmas Party at the club - Free entry! - 7pm onwards - Secret Santa, bring a wrapped gift that cost no more than £4.99!

09/01/10 Pre-match Ladies lunch - A Lunch for ladies only - Male volunteers needed to serve!

23/01/10 Race Night at the club - 7.00pm - come and have a flutter!
Full details of all events from Senior Club Social Secretary, Sharon Evans 07545319691
sharon@errfc.com

KIT

New Mini and Junior Academy kit can be bought from Rugby Moves, who are based at 1268, Wimborne Road, Northbourne, Bournemouth, BH10 7AQ. The husband and wife team of Colin and Jenny run the shop and they can be contacted on (01202) 581080. They have a fabulous stock of products so it is worth visiting their shop to have a look.

We are also working to provide an on line club shop, with a link from our web site www.ringwoodrugby.com. It is hoped that this facility will be on line early in the new year.

Remember, if you are buying boots for a Christmas present, they must either have rubber moulded studs or aluminium safety studs.

The club also operates a monthly previously owned kit sale and 'swop shop'. Contact Stuart Dingle (U9's Coach) or check out www.ringwoodrugby.com for more information.

COME AND COACH

Our success depends very much on the support given by parent's who are willing to be trained as Rugby Football Union coaches. This is organised by Trevor Bristow, our coaching co-ordinator. You do not have to have any great experience, particularly in the younger age groups and helping with coaching is much more rewarding than simply watching from the touchline. If you are interested in helping coach, give him a ring on (01202) 823050.

CAN YOU HELP?

There are a large number of jobs that need to be done to keep the Mini & Junior Academy and the Senior Club up and running, ranging from helping in the bar and kitchen, through to practical or administrative tasks. Please telephone Trevor Bristow, the Mini and Junior Academy Chairman on (01202) 823050 if you feel able to help in any way.

FIXTURE BOOK 2009/10 SEASON

Your copy of this season's fixture booklet is enclosed with this newsletter. As well as listing all of the clubs fixtures it also has the contact details for all the coaches and managers and other important club contacts including Angie Spall, our Child Welfare/Safeguarding Officer, Jane Butterworth who looks after player registrations and Chris Hawkins our Social Secretary.

The more 'eagle eyed' amongst you might notice that the venue column of the Mini Fixtures listing on page 15 has been incorrectly aligned when it was printed. Please refer to the fixtures listing on the Mini & Junior Academy Website at www.ringwoodrugby.com for the correct venues for each week's mini fixtures.

PS.

Our good friends at The David Lloyd Club, Ringwood, kindly sponsored the cost of postage for this newsletter. If you would like to help the club through sponsorship there is a wide variety of opportunities available. Please contact Stuart Dingle at stuart.dingle@sky.com