



MACS BUSBY

Summer 2015 Newsletter

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Summer Holidays

Summer is now upon us! We've been enjoying the sunshine we've had recently and have been making the most of the field when we can. It gives the Children a great opportunity to run about in a great grassy area and gives the Children fantastic play opportunities.

We would like to give our newest member of staff, Daniel, a very warm welcome. Daniel has been volunteering with us since December and has shown a great natural ability to work well with the Children. We look forward to seeing him shine with us.

After the sad loss of our Depute Manager at MACS Mearns Primary, Lisa Murray, we are supporting the charity '*Crossreach Bluebell*' which is a charity for postnatal depression. If you would like to make a donation, a link to the justgiving page can be found on our website www.macs.uk.com.

Dates for your Diary

The Last Day of Term is **Wednesday 24th June**. As the schools come out at 1.00pm on this day, we will provide a service from 1.00pm but we will **close at 5.00pm**. It is important you collect your child/children by this time as we have two holiday clubs to set up and need all staff to assist with this.

13th August is the return date for school and we will open for Breakfast Club at 7.45am as normal.

Breakfast Club

For next term starting in August, if your child is going into Primary 5 and you would like them to be given the opportunity to go out to the playground at 8.30am, then please ask Liz for a permission form to sign.

Our Breakfast Club continues to be busy and from August we will be at full capacity of 40 places with a waiting list.

New Resources for the Children

We have a wide range of new toys coming into the project including two new scooters, footballs and much more which we are sure the Children will love. We still have a few more suggestions to look at and will purchase these during the summer.

Our Primary 7 Children

As we say goodbye to our Primary 7 Children, we would like to wish them every success in the future and hope they will come back and visit us at some point to let us know how they are getting on. We have sent an email separately regarding the proposed Youth Group, which at this time we have decided not to go ahead with. If you have not received the email please contact Head Office or email general@macs.uk.com.

Getting it Right for Every Child (GIRFEC)

We have been working on embedding GIRFEC and the SHANARRI Values which are "Safe", "Healthy", "Achieving", "Nurtured", "Active", "Respected", "Responsible" and "Included". We will be introducing badge work for those children who would be interested as part of their achieving. The badges are all MACS Challenges and range from Safety Awareness, International Play, Risky Play, Friendship Helper, New Skills, Talent, Sports and Nature. It would be our intention to work on a maximum of two badges at a time and we will consult with the children in the new term about these.

Our Floor Books will continue in the new term, which show the activities the children have been doing each month and we would encourage you to look at these and make comments.

What the children have been doing this term

This term has been a very productive term for us. We have had various workshops on going including health and safety, heart start, shoe lace tying, baking and much more. The Children have learned some fantastic skills over this term and we are looking to new workshops we can do with the Children next term.

The Children have been helping us in choosing snacks and ideas for activities and this has given us the opportunity to receive feedback from the Children in what they do and do not enjoy.

Getting in touch with us

If your child is not attending MACS as they are off school sick or otherwise, or if someone else is collecting your child, please contact us via any one of the undernoted.

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