



MACS Crookfur

Autumn 2015 Newsletter

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Practitioner: Diane **Support Workers:** Sidra, Pamela, Joan, Laura, Chloe

STAFF NEWS Our new member of staff, Diane, has taken up the position of Practitioner, which is a supportive role to the senior staff. We also have Chloe about to begin SVQ Playwork Level 2 through MACS own Accredited Training School.

BREAKFAST CLUB Just a reminder about our Breakfast club we open from 7.45am and breakfast is served from 8.00am until 8.30am when we turn off the toaster and start to tidy breakfast equipment away. The children are escorted out to the playground around 8.45am where the staff wait in the playground until the children go into school. For children who are Primary 4 upwards, if you are happy for your child to go into the playground from after 8.30am then please advise Carly who will ask you to complete a permission form. Now that we are heading into changed weather conditions, we will be making more use of the gym hall on days when it is too wet or cold to take the children outside.

OCTOBER – HALLOWEEN PARTY With our party on Wednesday 28th October can children bring in their party clothes if they would like to dress up, and we will be organising fun games such as apple dooking, pancake splat, face painting, feely boxes and lots more! During the week from Monday 26th October we will have different fun games and tasty foods for all children to enjoy.

SWIMMING The company has made a board decision that children who use the swimming facilities during term time only require to bring a £1.00 for their locker from now on and there will be no charge by way of a £1.00. If your child forgets to bring a £1.00 for their locker then the staff member taking the children across to swimming will provide the £1.00 for their locker which will be returned to us.

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OCTOBER HOLIDAYS If you are booked in for the October holidays, this is just a reminder that we will be operating our holiday service on Friday 9th October from Mearns Parish Church as this is an in-service day for teachers. From Monday 12th October to Friday 16th October we will be operating from St. Cadoc's Primary due to works being carried out at Kirkhill Primary.

GIRFEC (Getting it Right for Every Child)

We will continue to focus on embedding the values around GIRFEC. This means we will be working on individual plans for each child which considers how we meet the SHANARRI Values which are Safe, Healthy, Achieving, Nurtured, Active, Respected, Responsible and Included. We will be chatting to the children to find out what areas they would like us to do more activities on. We have a copy of our GIRFEC Strategy Plan on the Parents Desk so please have a browse through. We will provide you with a progress plan in the New Year.

SNACKS AND ACTIVITY PLANNERS (on display in the project) We have updated our display boards for parents, staff and children, with photos included on our Welcome Board. Staff have been consulting with the children on snacks, activities, festivals, etc, and these will be on display on the childrens board. Staff have also been consulting with our older children in Primary 5 upwards about their monthly planner and interests. The children have given their ideas and these will be displayed each month on their own boards which are floor standing divider boards on the stage area. The older children have been customising these boards with their own comments and signature pictures, etc, and we are encouraging their ideas and feedback for future planning.

We will be focusing more on our Floor Books now and encouraging everyone's input and feedback for us to reflect on what has been successful and where we can make changes. Please feel free as parents to make any comments in the monthly Floor Books.

WAITING LISTS As some of you may be aware, we have waiting lists for both breakfast club and after-school care. This is an active waiting list and as places become available then we will be contacting the next person on the waiting list for the day or days available.

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 Carly on her mobile and leave a message for her.

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