



MACS Crookfur

New Term August 2016 Newsletter

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We hope everyone has enjoyed their summer holidays so far. It is nearly the start of the new term and we would like to give you as much information about our move for the after-school care to Fairweather Hall.

Breakfast Club at Crookfur – The breakfast club will run as normal from the newly refurbished Dining Hall. Our breakfast club is running to full capacity with a waiting list, and therefore if you are waiting for mornings we will advise you as soon as a place becomes available. For our new parents, the breakfast club opens at 7.45am and breakfast will be served until 8.30am when we need to turn the toasters off for cooling before storing away. The children in Primary 4 from August, will be offered the opportunity to go into the playground from 8.30am and you will be asked to sign a permission form if this affects your child. It is not compulsory and children have the choice whether they want to go out or stay in the breakfast club until 8.45am when all children and staff head into the playground. If the weather is bad then we will remain in the dining hall and the children can go to class when the bell rings.

After-School Care Service – Our service will run from Fairweather Hall until the end of June 2017. We will be returning to Crookfur in August 2017 for our after-school care service. Due to the distance from Crookfur to Fairweather Hall being too far to walk all our children, we will be putting on a Whitestar Coach. The children will be collected by MACS staff from their class areas and will meet in a dedicated area of the school for a full register check. Once we have all children accounted for, we will walk them down to the coach, which will arrive at Crookfur at approximately 3.30pm. MACS will be picking up the transport costs for this period of time.

Fairweather Hall: We will have exclusive use of the large hall as well as a small room off this area which can be a quiet area for our older children. We will have storage space for all our equipment and resources for the children, as well as plenty of outside play with the park on our doorstep. When you collect your child/children please come to the side fire door which will have a MACS sign on the door. The front door onto the main Barrhead Road will not be manned as this is for emergency exit only. Please note on a **THURSDAY** we will be using **The Edge** which is the building attached to the Fairweather Hall. The entrance to The Edge is straight from the car park. The Edge has similar facilities as Fairweather Hall.

Community Facilities: As well as the local park, we will still be able to access swimming on a Monday at Eastwood High School for children who are 8 years of

age and above. Information will be provided for new swimmers before we start back in August. We also have the shopping centre where we can access the Library, as well as local shops for the children to visit, such as Waterstones and the coffee shops. We will also continue with our local walks.

Staff: Our Staff Team consists of Elaine the Manager, Carly the Depute, Diane and Fiona are our Practitioners and we have Vikki and Michelle as our support workers. We have 2 new members of staff joining our team, Mary-Ann will join the breakfast club team and Nicola will join both breakfast and after-school team. They will be introducing themselves to you.

Trips: We will keep you up to date with the monthly planning which includes off-site trips. If you do not wish your child to attend any of the off-site trips, please advise one of our staff, otherwise we will assume you are happy with your child going.

Holiday Dates: The first holiday in the new term is Friday 23rd September where we will be operating a holiday service from Mearns Parish Church. On Monday 26th September we will be closed as this is a public holiday. The next after that will be the October week which runs from Friday 14th October to Friday 21st October. We will be running our holiday service from Kirkhill Primary during this week.

Childrens Belongings: We will be encouraging all children to remember to bring all their belongings from class when the bells rings, as once all children are accounted for we will be heading down to the bus to take us to Fairweather Hall. Any belongings left behind by your child will need to wait until the next morning for them to retrieve. We ask that you speak to your child about their belongings and work with our staff in understanding we cannot return to classrooms.

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 for Breakfast Club and Elaine for After-School Care. This is important for the after-school care as we will be held up for the bus to Fairweather Hall if you do not advise us and we have to make contact with yourself. If you would like to arrange a meeting to discuss any issues then please contact Elaine who will be happy to meet at a time suitable to yourself.

Crookfur Landline : Will be unavailable. Please contact Carly 07725 249467

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PERMISSION TO PUBLISH PHOTOS ON OUR WEBSITE

We will continue to take photos of children during each session to showcase their activities and engagement in play indoors and outdoors. These will be displayed on our welcome boards as well as at times being published on our website. If you have objections to your child's photo being used for our website then please speak to Elaine or Carly or email us at head office on general@macs.uk.com