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Scotstoun Newsletter September & October 2016

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Update

We would like to welcome all our new primary ones and new children who have recently started MACS. Everyone is settling well and enjoying their new environments within MACS. We will continue to take photographs of the children's activities and place them in our floor books and boards for parents and carers to see and to add comments on activities and evaluations. Please feel free to speak to all staff who will be happy to discuss the activities available.



Scotstoun Parish Church

The children from primary 1 to 3 who attend MACS are enjoying having their space in the church hall on a Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday from 3pm to 5pm. Can I remind all parents if your child attends the church with MACS on the above days that you can pick them up and sign them out directly from the church until 5pm. After 5pm the children will return to the old gym and can be picked up and signed out from there.



Children's Medication

Can I remind all parents that if your child/ren requires medication whether it be daily or when ill that parents must complete the relevant administration of medication paperwork with MACS. For children who are on long term medication such as inhalers, epi-pens etc. MACS and parents will ensure that a medical plan and administration of medication form is completed and reviewed monthly. If parents wish to discuss this further please do not hesitate to speak to Paula or Sarah.



Absent Children or Extra Days at MACS

Can I please remind parents and carers that if your child will not be attending MACS on their contracted days if you can inform either Paula, Sarah or head office on the above mobile numbers to ensure the safety and security of all children who attend MACS. Can I furthermore ask if you have requested an extra day at MACS if you can inform the school



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teacher of this to ensure your child is safely given to the MACS staff at collection time and not taken out to the playground.



After-School Activity Clubs

After-school activity clubs run by Scotstoun primary school teachers have begun daily from 3pm to 4pm. Can I ask if your child is attending a school club from 3pm if you inform Paula or Sarah and we will add their names to our after-school club folder. The after-school club folder allows us to have a register of each day and all children who are attending each club (i.e. Netball, Glee club etc.) within the school.



Commencement of Swimming

Swimming on a Tuesday for the Primary 5 to 7 has commenced at Scotstoun Leisure Centre. The children will attend the swimming from 3pm to 5:30pm and they must be able to confidently swim two lengths of the pool unaided. If your child is Primary 5 to 7 and would like to go swimming and have not already completed a permission slip, please speak to Paula and we will arrange for one to be completed. Swimming will continue weekly on a Tuesday unless the number of children attending falls to under eight children, however we will be proactive and encourage children who wish to attend to remember their swimming kit.



Planning

The staff and children have begun adapting our planning and evaluation process, which we have split to plan for the younger ones at the church and the older ones at the old gym. Both age groups have a large mind map book which all stakeholders can add too each month to inform the planning.

The Primary 1 to 3 Children are planning for their Wednesday wall of fame which will display any achievements at MACS, school and at home (i.e. swimming course, star of week etc.), for individuals who wish to provide us with their achievements. This month we are furthermore celebrating Roald Dahl Day on 13th September which the children can bring a costume to dress up with and nurturing activities for all children to get to know each other.

The Primary 4 to 7 Children are planning for more challenging and team building activities to not only work together but to encourage positive behaviour and peer socialisation. Last week the children took part in a large Ready Steady Cook, world record and team building challenges which was very successful. The children will be planning more challenges to build on their interests and skills to ensure they have fun.

Initiatives for the future months:

- Younger children team are researching more outdoor activities such as forest and nature/nurture workshops.
- Older children's team are researching more life skills such as food hygiene, cookery class and badge work.
- Both age groups working with the school on a gardening project to keep the planters and environment looking well.



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Dates for your Diary

September & October 2016

September Weekend – Friday 23rd to Monday 26th returning Tuesday 27th September

By-Election Day – Thursday 6th October MACS Closed

School In-service day – Friday 14th October MACS Closed

October week – Monday 17th to Friday 21st returning Monday 24th October



Compliments, Complaints and General Enquiries

If there are any matters you wish to discuss please do not hesitate to contact Paula or Sarah. This can be done by email or telephone and we will be happy to help.

If there are any questions regarding your payments or direct debits please contact the head office to discuss this with the finance department.

Website: www.macs.uk.com



Suggestions

We would like all parent's to complete the form detailed at the bottom of this newsletter 'Two stars and a Wish' where you can detail two really positive aspects of MACS and one area you feel we could improve on or develop. This in turn will be a vital part of our development plan and will be displayed within the service.

TWO STARS AND A WISH





