

MACS NEILSTON

December 2014 Newsletter



Our Mission Statement: "We will provide a professional care service where children, young people and adults will be listened to, valued and respected equally"

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Dear Parents/Carers

We are now fast approaching the festive season with a variety of fun activities and party time!

Traffic Light System – Just a reminder as this system will be in place until January 2015 and delays for everyone entering Neilston being inevitable, we would appreciate all efforts to collect your child by 6pm when our let for the school finishes.

Entrance for Breakfast Club – The new railings are now in place on to the pathway leading into the main car park. Can we ask that all children attending our Breakfast Club use this pathway which leads to MACS main door to the dining hall. There will no longer be access through the P1 & P2 playground side door as this will be closed.

Dates for your diary:

29th Nov, 5th Dec & 12th Dec – One of our parents has kindly offered to come into the project on three Fridays to plan and review paper mache snowmen with the children.

Wednesday 10th December – Children can bring in their onesie or Christmas jumper and all we ask in return is that you bring in a small selection box or non-perishable food to donate to the local food bank.

Week commencing 15th December – This will be our Christmas party week where there will be an activity on each day so that no child misses out. Remember to check our planner in the project as well as on our new web page www.macs.uk.com

Festive Holidays - Schools close on Friday 19th December at 2.30pm and we will be offering an earlier service for after-school care on this day, closing as normal at 6.00pm. If you have booked for the holiday service running from Kirkhill Primary then you should have received a confirmation email and the Christmas planner. Please phone Head Office on 0141 887 0002 if you have any queries regarding this.

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Care Inspection – Our final inspection report is now available on the parents desk for you to browse, or you can go online at www.careinspectorate.com where you can also read the report.

Children in Need - Our charity cake and candy was a great success and we are happy to say we raised £87.40. Thank you to everyone for their help and donations.

Activities for Children – Some of the children have started working on the second badge which is “risky play” and so far have completed 2 challenges, the first being the fire pit and recently archery, with great success.

Our Local Community Facilities – The last date for the library will be **Wednesday 10th December** and swimming will be **Thursday 4th December** as the following week is our party week.

Both of these activities will return the week beginning 12th January 2015.

Staff Training – James has completed his First Aid Training Course.

Help us to evaluate our service - We are looking at ways to be able to evaluate our service and one of the ways we are suggesting is by asking you a question each month. The other option is to send out an annual questionnaire. We would appreciate your feedback on which method you would prefer or if you have any other suggestions. Can you speak to Liz in the Project or email us at general@macs.uk.com

Bad Weather Conditions! - Can we please ask parents to consider the weather conditions and to allow enough time to collect your child/children by 6.00 pm. Alternatively can you advise of another collector who could collect if you are delayed by bad weather. Remember to ensure your child has all their belongings when leaving MACS, such as gloves, scarves, etc.

Getting in Touch with Us

If your child is not attending MACS as they are off school, sick or if someone else is collecting your child, please contact Liz on her mobile and leave a message.

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