



MACS Mearns Newsletter

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A reminder of our contact numbers at MACS Mearns

Claire: 07725 249 463
Marcelle: 07525 071 451

These numbers can be used to text or call to inform us if your child will be absent from MACS

Please be aware parents must let us know if children will not be attending MACS after their clubs, could you please let staff know to prevent any unnecessary actions being taken to locate your child relating to our missing child policy such as police intervention.

Mearns Landline: 0141 570 7239 (Please leave messages on this number)
Email: general@macs.uk.com

Please remember you can call our Head Office on 0141 887 0002 for invoice queries.

Staff Updates



Alexis has moved to our St Cadoc's project. Jenny has now left us to start her new journey with her family in England and we have a new member of staff called Aileen who will be joining us on Monday 14th November.

Project Updates

After an informal chat with some of the children about their interests we have created our very own MACS choir. We now have a group of around 30 children from P1 – P7 who are members of our MACS choir which will run to begin with on a Tuesday with a possible additional day later in the year. The children will be able to take part in local outings to local nurseries and nursing homes to perform their songs (advance notice will be given to parents before events).

This month we will be supporting **Children in Need** by holding a cake and candy stall and bringing our PJs for our MACS pyjama party on **Friday 18th November**. All donations will be gratefully received.

Road Safety Week (21st – 25th November) - staff will be taking the children out into the community to look at road signs and learn about the importance of road safety. We will also be welcoming a visit from our local lollipop person on Thursday 24th November to talk to the children about the importance of STOP LOOK LISTEN.

The introduction of a **GOLDEN TICKET** for responsible, well behaved and well-mannered behaviour at MACS has been a big hit with the children and we have been able to organise some lovely treats for the children who have earned them.



Childrens feedback – we put out a visual questionnaire for children to put their name to things they would either like to try at MACS or areas they most or least like to spend time in and the biggest response was that younger children would like to try our Cook School which we only offer to P5+ at the minute.

I will be preparing permission slips over the next week for parents to confirm whether they would like their child to take part in this activity that unfortunately can only run on a Tuesday as this is the only day we have access to the schools cooking equipment.

Safe Door Policy

As we are situated in a very busy school can I remind all parents/carers that if someone else other than yourself or named collectors will be picking up your child that you ensure they are an authorised collector on the child's registration form and that you have given them the correct password to pick up your child as the safety of the children is paramount to us. Can I also ask that parents use the mobile numbers above (or landline number) to either text or call and let us know if your child will not be attending MACS at any point?

NATIONAL CARE STANDARDS

We will be looking at each principle and how we can promote this in our project

This month we will be reflecting on

WELLBEING - I am supported to make informed choices, even if this means I might be taking personal risks

I am encouraged and helped to achieve my full potential

STAFF TRAINING

Staff take part in regular training to support their roles and responsibilities.

Recent training for staff has included:

First aid

Food hygiene

Children's rights evaluation through participation

Claire and Marcelle also took part in mental health training and are now qualified mental health First Aiders

Claire, Marcelle and the team at MACS Mearns