



NEWSLETTER Term 3 January 2020

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Welcome back and a happy New Year. We hope you all had a wonderful break. On behalf of the staff and myself, I would like to thank you for the cards and gifts we received at the end of the term. It was a very kind gesture and much appreciated.

STAFF

Jacqueline is settling in well, and is enjoying getting to know the children and their parents. Stephen will be back as soon as his university timetable allows it. You may have noticed Vicki, from our T.A.S.C. holiday service, working in the service a couple of days a week until Stephen comes back.

Training

All current and new staff have updated their basic training and will continue with personal development throughout the year. Currently, staff are accessing training on autism, first aid, infection control, excel and Duty of Candour.

New equipment

The staff consulted the children about purchasing new toys. The children decided they would like to renew: Connect 4, Lego, Draughts, Chess, FIFA, Frustration, Guess

Who and they also wanted a Hairdressing Head. These have all been purchased and are awaiting delivery.

ACTIVITIES

This year we are hoping to have further input from the travelling drama group, and the storyteller, as well as additional people/activities that may be of interest.

All Weather Play

Please remember, as the temperatures drop and the wet/icy weather comes, we will continue to play outdoors. When the snow falls, we will be sledging so it is important to please ensure your child has appropriate clothing and footwear to change into.

Celebrations

This term, we are looking forward to celebrating Burns Day, Chinese New Year, Valentine's Day and LGBT History Month. A full list of celebrations and dates including Mothers Day and Easter are displayed within the unit. We are looking forward to enjoying all the food that is eaten to celebrate these occasions.

PARENTS INFORMATION

To understand the importance of our work, we are asking parents to fill in our comment book. This helps us to support and evidence our aim to improve positive outcomes for the children and families accessing our service.

SHANARRI

This month SHANARI Indicator is ACHIEVING



Every child's curiosity is celebrated and encouraged within the service. Staff continually inspire the children, as they explore play and seek meaning in their ACHIEVABLE experiences.

Throughout our planned activities, we encourage children to investigate, question and develop their awareness of the world around them. Please support us by asking your child about different ways they are achieving at home, school, after school care and within their local community.

If your child is absent

Please call us on the above number rather than email if your child is off After School Care. We close at 5:45p.m each night, so we ask parents to call us if they are running late. Please remember late fees will be applied.

Fees

Despite requests and reminders, we are now finding that there are an increasing number of parents not adhering to our fee policy. This policy states fees are kept up-to-date and are paid 2 weeks in advance. Having to remind parents about their fees, is becoming

increasingly uncomfortable for staff. It also takes away from what is important, providing the children with the care and attention that they deserve.

Please do not hesitate to speak to the unit manager should you have any queries regarding fees.

School Holidays

The after school care will be closed on Friday the 7th, Monday 10th, Tuesday 11th and Wednesday 12th of February. Please remember, if you require holiday care during February, Easter, Summer or October that the staff work at T.A.S.C. in St Ninians Primary school on Great Western road, and they can accommodate your child. You can access their holiday programme at www.tascafterschoolcare.org.uk

August intake for P1's

We expanded our service last year and most days are fully booked. We have a waiting list for new P1's starting in August. Some parents are now registering 2 years in advance. Siblings of the service users will have priority up until the end of February to be guaranteed, or to at least ensure, that they are prioritised on the waiting list to receive a place in August.

Please remember to join us on FACEBOOK. Also check out our website on www.happylittlepeopleafterschoolcare.org.uk where you can be kept up to date with all the latest information and dates for your diary.

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