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Firstly, I would like to welcome our new staff members that were recruited during the lockdown period. You have probably seen them around. We have Steven, Eilidh and Rebecca. Big welcome to them all and we look forward to you being a part of the team.

All staff during Lockdown participated in a wide range of training. Since our services returned, we have had several members of staff start college and university to gain new qualifications. Huge good luck to Jordan, Kerry, and Kelly-Leigh on starting their SVQ's 4's, as well as Jacqueline and Kerri Anne, who have started their BA Childhood Practice Degree.

During the October break we had staff working hard at planning new activities to take place for when the children returned.

Here is a message from the various units and an up-to-date look at what the service and the various units have been doing and planning.

WINTERTIME

As we fast approach winter, can I gently remind parents to ensure the children have warm attire for outdoor activities.

St Ninians

Everyone knows October is the time for spooky goings on, and it is the same for TASC.

Covid-19 did not affect the children's ability to celebrate Halloween. We had lots of activities planned to keep the children entertained both outdoors and in. As we are aware our usual Halloween disco will not be able to take place. but instead, we decided to host a most creative mask competition, a spooky ghost scavenger hunt, a Halloween obstacle course and many more fun-filled activities. The staff and all the children were super excited and enjoyed a spooky but sweet month.

Knightswood

Firstly, I would like to welcome all my new families and families that continued to use our service at Knightswood. This year's new primary 1's settled very well.

Our staff in term 1 planned lots of outdoor activities and what with the nice weather were able to get most of our outdoor equipment for the kids to use including table tennis, tennis nets, footballs, skipping ropes etc.

Some of teachers in the school are

developing the outdoor garden space for our p1, 2, and 3s which our kids have been able to access and help with the construction and set up.

I hear that other spaces are being planned for the older children and we have offered to help with the construction and source resources. If any of our parents know of anyone who can provide old tyres, pallets, wood chippings, tarpaulins etc. please give me a call as all donations will be grateful.

Antonine

Welcome back! I hope everyone had a lovely October Week. This year we only have a couple of new primary ones, but we are super proud of them. They have settled in very well so well done girls.

As most of you already know, the way in which we usually celebrate Halloween was going to be slightly different this year. Unfortunately, we did not travel to St Clare's this year for our Halloween party. But let me reassure you, myself and Nicola worked hard to plan some Spooktacular surprises and activities to ensure that we all had just as much fun. We decided that due to changing facilities, children could bring a mask, prop or an easy over your clothes costume to allow us to celebrate in our own style. I do have to say that Halloween is still my favourite time of the year!!

St Clare's

As we are unable to have a 'Halloween' party this year we worked extremely hard on creating new outdoor fun filled activities with creepy / spooky themes

running throughout the month of October, for example we attempted to design, build and fly a 'Spooky Bat Kite', and create Scary Creepy Ghost figurines out of disposable cups, crepe paper, twigs, leaves etc that the Children were asked to find on our 'forage walks'.

HOLIDAYS 2020/21

Christmas and new year

The school closes on Tuesday 22nd

December 2020 for Christmas and New Year. We will return on

Wednesday 6th January 2021.

There is no holiday childcare provision during this time.

February mid-term holiday starts on Friday 5th, through to Wednesday the 10th February 2021. The holiday service will be operating on these dates, if demand allows this. Please contact your unit manager or check out our website for details.

HOLIDAY COVER



If you do not already know.

throughout the year we run a holiday service for Easter, Summer, and October holidays at our St Ninians unit. This is a great service where your kids get to meet other kids and get to go places, they may have not already been before.

During the holiday club we are out most days exploring different, fun and new places and on rainy days we do have lots

of indoor and outdoor entertainment. Previous holidays we have had the ZooLab and Wicked Productions come for a visit. Please check out our website for our past holiday planners.

KEEPING YOU UP-TO-DATE

LOCKDOWN ZOOM ACTIVITIES

We have already planned some Lockdown zoom activities. These sessions are to give your children something to look forward to as they are stuck indoors during Lockdown periods. We have already planned a Christmas Elf ZooLab experience (Thursday 3rd Dec 6.30pm), Christmas Quiz from Sir James (Sunday 6th Dec 3pm and a Christmas Bedtime Story Teller Thursday 10th Dec 7.30pm). Please ask your service for the log in details and any details of additional activities that we have managed to arrange. You will also find this information on our website and on



SURVEY MONKEY

You will soon be given links for you and your child to participate in our latest survey. We need your help to shape the service and to enable us to form a picture of the effects that Covid-19 is having on you and our service, and what we can do to minimise these effects. I thank you in advance and hope that you will participate in this survey.

ZOOM COMMUNICATION

If you would like to discuss your child with the service, we will happily arrange one-to-one zoom sessions to allow you to do so. These 10 min sessions must be booked in advanced and arranged at a convenient time for you and relevant staff.

KEEP US UPDATED

If your family is affected by Covid-19 or anything else then please keep us up-to-date. If you do have any enquiries, worries or thoughts about using the service contact us. All managers can be contacted via the mobile phone numbers or by email. If you do email, please reference this to the service you use. We shall continue to update you with the latest information, alongside any adaptations to our processes and procedures as and when we have received any updated information ourselves. Please keep checking our website www.tascafterschoolcare.org.uk and if you haven't already done so follow



us on to get the latest information. We have enjoyed seeing you all again and welcoming you all back to our service.

Stay safe....

Christina