



NEWSLETTER October 2022

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Firstly, we would like to offer a huge welcome to all our new parents. This year, we are so pleased that we have managed to meet so many requests under the current circumstances. Please feel free to ask the staff any questions you may have. We would love as many of you as possible to complete our quick online survey. Here is the link and more details are at the bottom of this newsletter.

<https://www.surveymonkey.co.uk/r/WLVJVS>

## STAFF UPDATE

At a time when recruitment has been difficult in the childcare sector, we have been fortunate to have recruited lovely new staff members to our team. I'd like to offer a huge welcome to all our new staff who have joined our service. I'd also like to thank the parents who have been building a relationship with them.

Sadly however, we said goodbye to Jordan. Jordan was a fabulous staff member. Jordan has found another role

more suitable to her current family circumstances. We fully support her, and made it clear that if she decides to come back, we would all welcome her to do so.

## PI's

We have quite a few new P1's that have joined us this year. We are delighted that you have chosen T.A.S.C. We trust that your child's experience will be happy. Please be confident that we will do our best to ensure your child enjoys their time with us.

## HALLOWEEN PARTY



Hopefully all your children had a lovely time at their party, and enjoyed joining up with another service.

## FEES

Always a difficult subject but despite repeated requests some parents are constantly having to be 'chased' for fees. This is so unfair on the staff. The staff should not have to ask parents for fees for a service that they use. Fees are used to pay staff wages, so it would be appreciated that parents follow our fee policy, which can be found on our website. We will be enforcing our exclusion policy when fees are 2 weeks in arrears. I will be issuing updated spreadsheet to parents who have outstanding amounts or unusual balances. Fees are due until the school term end even if you go on holiday prior to this date. Fees are also due when your child is of sick, attending a school club or when the school is closed through no fault of the service.

## STUDENTS FEES

To use the service, students have to follow our fee policy the same as our other users. Fees are required for all weeks, as we do not employ staff and then drop their hours etc.

Students are responsible for ensuring their fees are paid. Please be aware that our contract is with the student and not the further education establishment.

## ABSENSES

Please contact us and not the school if your child is off. You can text the service you use, or leave a message on their machine. This is preferable to an email as the staff are part time and only come into the service at 2pm to prepare snacks and activities. Can I ask that you contact your service with any questions that you may have? We now have a lot of emails with questions that are best answered by your service. If your child has an injury you need to contact the service before they attend, to ensure that a risk assessment is in place. Failure to do so will mean you will be contacted and your child will not be able to attend the service.

## OCTOBER SCHOOL HOLIDAY

Despite the weather we had a great time which included trips to the cinema etc. We would particularly like to thank Oliver the Creative Learning Manager from The Willow Tea Room, for providing the children with a memorable day. We were lucky enough to be asked to the tea room. This is the only city-centre Charles Rennie Mackintosh designed building that is currently open to the public. It was a good opportunity for children to see his design work first hand, and to make a historic toy/game to take away with them at the end of the session. Oliver done a great job talking to the children,

answering their questions, and providing a wide range of activities for them.



## ANTONINE

I would like to start by hoping that everyone had a great time at our Halloween party, everyone made great effort with their costumes a huge thank you to St Clare's for hosting and our D.J.



This term we will be linking to GIRFEC by focusing on staying safe, being responsible and feeling included. The children will take part in a variety of activities that will develop children's knowledge and understanding on how to stay safe and responsible during Halloween and firework celebrations.

We work hard to ensure we offer a variety of different activities and foods that can be enjoyed by all the children. We like to celebrate occasions such as bonfire night, St Andrews day and Christmas.

Lastly, I would like to finish off by ensuring parents that although my time is currently split between two services, I am based mainly in Antonine and I also have daily communication with Nicola and will

get back to you with any requirements ASAP. In any case that you need a quicker response, please feel free to email and I will get back to you.

Kerri Anne ☐

## KNIGHTSWOOD

A massive welcome back to all our returning children and to all the new children who are attending afterschool care for the first time.

All our new P1 children are settling in well and are making lots of new friends, with the help of our older girls Anna, Bethany and Jessica so thank you girls.

We have been extremely busy with lots of outdoor play and some indoor activities on our rainy days. Some of our children have been making friendship bracelets, loom bands and learning to crochet.

Lynn has been discussing our 'golden rules' and getting the children to make posters to display on our display wall along with all our scary Halloween pictures. We celebrated Halloween with a viewing of Hocus Pocus 2 accompanied with popcorn and treats.

I would like to welcome 2 new staff members Amy and Eloise to our service. Both of these members are very creative



so we will be seeing some new arts n crafts activities.

## ST CLARE'S

I'd First like to wish everyone a warm welcome back to the service after the Holiday break. I'd specifically like to extend a special warm welcome to those new children who have joined our service

from Camstradden Primary School, along with our newly appointed pick-up staff member, 'Brenda' ☐ The children have been working furiously on our 'Halloween Display' this year, and the children from our Antonine service joined us for lots of Fun, Laughter and Party games with a fab DJ.

Apart from our focus on Halloween, as we head into the winter months, we have started to discuss all of the key important things children need to be aware of within the SHANNARI indicators **Healthy and Safe**, reminding children through 'Play' and 'Creative activities' of the importance that they all individually have in making both healthy and safe choices.

Looking forward, over the next few months we shall be gearing up for Remembrance Sunday, St Andrews Day, Odd Sock Day and finally beginning to prepare for Santa's big arrival making Christmas tree decorations along the way. Here's to finally getting back to some sort of normality.

Kerry ☐

## ST NINIANS

To ensure a warm welcome to our new children, we have for the last two months chosen to work with our Shanarri indicator **Nurtured**. This led us to focus on how we are all different yet fit together. The children came up with all different emotions for our jigsaw wall. We also spoke about sometimes children do need quiet time, so we are in the process of developing our quiet area with soft cushions and throws, sensory toys and books this development is ongoing. We will continue to consult with the children throughout this process.







bookings and links to sites that you may find useful.

Christina

Service Manager

This month we have also been working on arts and crafts for Halloween and will be focusing on autumn, fireworks and road safety in the coming weeks linking it with our Shanarri indicator **SAFE**. We would like to thank Knightswood for hosting our Halloween party, we had so much fun the children and staff all loved it. The costumes were amazing.

### **OUTDOOR LEARNING**

We will be continuing to base our learning outdoors so please provide your children with appropriate clothing.

### **ANTI-BULYING & ROAD SAFETY WEEK**

Is week beginning 14<sup>th</sup> of November. We will be providing activities that focus on these issues. Please support our road safety by ensuring this winter your child wears a bright jacket.

### **SURVEY**

Can I ask parents to complete this survey on information and activities? This will let us know if our communication is suitable, and if your children are happy with the service. Here is the link. Hopefully it will only take a few minutes of your time.

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Please remember to join us on FACEBOOK. You can check out our website on

[www.tascafterschoolcare.org.uk](http://www.tascafterschoolcare.org.uk)

where you can be kept up to date with all the latest activities and information including dates for your diary, policies,