



NEWSLETTER APRIL/MAY 2023

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SCHOOL HOLIDAYS

We had a fantastic easter with schools Out service this year, the weather stayed dry, and we visited some nice places, and everyone seem to enjoy themselves.

If you are looking for childcare for the summer, we are still only £25 per day and we offer full day care from 8am – 5.45pm Monday to Thursday and to 5.30pm on a Friday within our St Ninians service. Our booking form is available online and can be found at <https://form.jotform.com/212145913851352>

A copy of our activity timetable will be available on our website or on request. Please remember we only have limited places.

Please speak to your unit manager for details.

STAFF UPDATE

We would like to welcome Andy who will be working at our Drumchapel units on a 6 month placement.

SAC FUNDING

To all our families who were eligible to Receive funding from us towards their childcare costs, I hope this has helped you during this difficult time this came to an end on the 31/01/23. There is a possibility that this scheme may return. All parents who took part in the scheme and completed a questionnaire will be given a £10.00 food voucher also as a treat on us. ☐

We also received funding for new equipment for each of our services so the children have been busy helping staff to choose what new equipment they would like.

So far, we have new outdoor equipment, Nintendo switches and various indoor equipment like arts and crafts materials, board games, tablets etc.

FEES

A small reminder that it is down to parents to ensure they are keeping their fee's up to date and remain two weeks in advance. It is unfair on staff to have to continuously ask parents to bring their fee's up to date. If you are struggling or may not be able to meet the required date to maintain your advance payments

then please speak to the managers within your services and make them aware of this, giving them clear instruction on when the payment will be made. If you require a balance, then please request this from your managers within the service or via the phone. We will be introducing a fee fining policy to those parents who continually ignore requests and don't make their payment. This will cover the additional admin costs involved in pursuing their fees. Please remember if you are returning that you have paid your £20 registration fee before the last day of school to ensure your place.

STUDENTS

It is getting close to that time of year where students will need to re-apply for funding to cover their childcare costs should they be returning to collage. It is important that students apply for this funding and bring the required documents into their services to be completed as soon as possible and preferably prior to the summer holidays, this allows plenty of time for your funding to be processed and in place for your children returning in August.

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.

ANTONINE

Since January we have been busy taking part in several celebrations such as Chinese New Year, Valentine's Day, World book day, Pancake Day, Red nose day, St Patricks Day, Mother's Day and Easter. I am sure you have all got a small collection of your children's fabulous artwork and masterpieces made during these activities.



At the end of the month, the Spring/summer hours will kick in and we all can't wait for much more park visits and outdoor learning opportunities in the sun. Brighter days are always better and bring so much more fun outside! As always, we will be basing our play and learning around our shanarri indicators using the thoughts and ideas from your children.

A small reminder that when the school are running indoor clubs within the lunch hall and gym, if we are not outside, we will be based in the rainbow room on the second floor. Should you not be able to locate us, just give the mobile a ring and we will come to you ☐

ST CLARES

We continue to promote the SHANARRI indicators daily within our service and this term we were focusing on the HEALTHY indicator, specifically promoting physical exercise and introducing more fruit and vegetables. The children were very busy towards the end of term 3 celebrating Pancake Day, Valentines Day, St Patricks day and Mother's Day, I hope you all enjoyed your cards and handmade presents the children made for you “

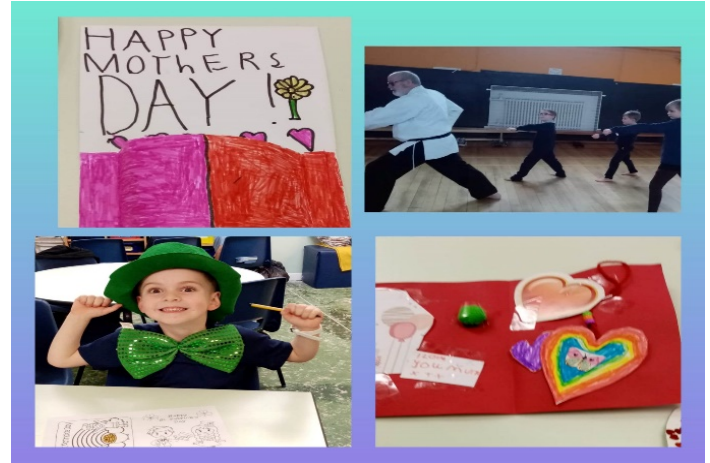


In term 4 we will celebrate the king's coronation, Father's Day and the arrival of summer and hopefully warmer weather.

ST NINIANS

We are focusing on the Shanarri indicators Respect and Responsibility towards the end of term 3 we were planting and nurturing our flowers and we are continuing this going into term 4 where the children will be preparing for the coronation and the arrival of summer and fingers crossed for nice sunny weather and lots of outdoor activities. All the children have really enjoyed having our Karate and Football coaches within the service and have learned some new skills they could teach you if you ask!

Spring/summer is in the air and the children are enjoying more brighter days outside, we are now in the process of purchasing more outdoor resources. We have already introduced more mats to allow the children to safely practice their gymnastic skills. The children during Term 3 enjoyed making Mother's Day cards and participating St Patrick, Easter and Red nose celebrations. The children were also sharing their knowledge and understanding of Holi and Ramadan and enjoyed learning about the differences.



KNIGHTSWOOD

We have been encouraging and promoting as much outdoor play and being active this will be continued right through to Term 4 as summer is on the way and we are hoping for a good one this year.

Our children have been outside playing sport, games, exploring our gardens and using all our outdoor equipment (footballs, tennis, large connect 4 & skipping ropes etc). We have been extremely lucky, learning new skills and been having fun on a Monday with football coach Lindsay.

Our children were also busy inside during Term 3 doing lots of arts n crafts, Drawing, looms bands, Hama bead and baking activities for Valentine's Day, international women's day, pancake Tuesdays St Patrick's day Mother's Day, worlds book day and Easter.



In May we celebrated the king's coronation with some party food and arts

activities and going forward into June lots of outdoor activities and celebrations are planned including Father's Day and our end of term and good bye to our P7s fun day.



EXCITING TIMES – NEW ACTIVITIES

We are always working behind the scenes to ensure your child enjoys their time with us. We currently have both Football, Karate, Tennis and coaches providing classes to our services, firstly they have started within the St Ninians and Knightswood services and will move onto Antonine and St Clares in the coming weeks. We hope the children enjoy taking part in these sessions.



ABSENCES

If your child is going to be absent from the service, please can you let the staff know by sending a text to the service. This saves staff valuable time at registration. This also applies for Afterschool clubs run by the school themselves, please let us know what day

and time they will be attending the school club.

SUN PROTECTION

It is getting warmer and a wee bit sunnier. Could all parents please remember to please send your child in with a water bottle that can be refilled, wearing and carrying sun cream and wearing a summer hat.

We do have sun cream in each unit, but we understand that some children might want to use their own due to skin conditions or allergies.

LAST DAY OF SCHOOL

We will be collecting the children at 1pm please can you arrange to collect your child between 4.45pm and 5pm at the latest.



Please remember to join us on

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You can also check out our website on <https://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, bookings and links to sites that you may find useful.

CHRISTINA & ALL THE STAFF