



NEWSLETTER  
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### FUNDING UPDATE



Our service is working alongside each of the schools as we have been fortunate to have secured £148,000 to upgrade play equipment in the playgrounds. We have been working alongside all the headteachers to best utilize this funding. This funding from The Inspiring Space Project will help make your child's time with us even more enjoyable.

At this moment, each school playground is being upgraded with the equipment. Here is the equipment we request:

#### Antonine:

Agility trail

Spinner bowls

Basket goals

Theatre and music cottage

Robina Propeller Plane

Loop seating

Storage container

#### Knightswood:

External PA/music system

#### St Ninian:

Triple somersault bars

Spinner bowls

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Storage container

#### St Clair's:

Canopy

Loop Seating

**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.

**INJURED CHILDREN** 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.

**HOLIDAY SERVICE** We are running our holiday service for Easter so please get your booking forms in by Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> March

Please remember that we do not have our playscheme passes anymore so all children who are attending must bring with them their own travel pass.

**ANTONINE** At Antonine, we had a visitor who brought lots of equipment and gave us a small lesson on knot tying and den building. The children got creative in our natural environment while they problem-solved, used great communication skills, and worked together as a team. We all got to work exploring the new materials and used our imagination to build several dens, a tightrope, and a swing within the trees.



February was a very busy month. We celebrated Chinese New Year - The Year of the Dragon, Pancake Friday (as we were closed on Tuesday), and Valentine's Day.

**KNIGHTSWOOD** At Knightswood it has been a busy old time what with Robert Burns day where we did get haggis, neeps and tatties and it was yummy. We drew our own Scottish traditional blue and white flags. The children participated in a range of activities to celebrate LGBT+ history month. We also celebrated valentine's day by making lots of lovely cards and baking lovely rice crispy treats. To celebrate Chinese New Year the children drew their own dragons.

We have been doing lots of outside activities as well. We have a football and tennis coach. We have been using gym mats in the gym lately and have been doing dancing, gymnastic and roly poly's

up and down the gym.



To add further to the celebrations we also celebrated Mother's Day, St Patrick's day and of course we will be celebrating Easter. For Easter we have some lovely activities and games planned. We have had a visit from a lovely lady called Kate where she was teaching the children and staff how to build their own dens, and how to tie different knots. She is coming back out to see us on the 27<sup>th</sup> of March to do build our own outdoor games and learn about risk assessments.

**ST CLARE'S** We have had a very busy couple of weeks this term celebrating 'Burns Day' trying haggis, tatties, and neeps which to be honest most of the children were not too keen on. As it is the Year of the Dragon the children had great fun creating their own colourful Dragons



celebrating the Chinese New Year and finally, they were busy before breaking for the Mid-term break making wonderful cards and delicious biscuits and cakes for Valentine's Day. The children loved the visit from Kate helping to teach them outdoor survival skills and Den making, we cannot wait till she comes back so we can learn more of these key skills. This term we shall focus on Healthy eating and inclusion, as we have several new children

who have recently joined our unit. I am glad to report that we have re-introduced our popular emoji achievement board.

The children threw a wonderful party for Maria's last day working with us here at St Clare's.



After twelve-year service with us, she has moved on to become a 'Theatre Assistant' within the NHS at the Jubilee Hospital, she is greatly missed by all.

**ST NINIANS** The children have been enjoying discussions about Robert Burns and, the Chinese New Year. This promotes our shannari indicator ACHIEVING through being supported and guided in their learning and the development of their skills, confidence, and self-esteem. We also worked through My Voice Matters and LGBT+. We were also lucky enough to have Kate in last week who is an



outdoor learning specialist with 30 years of experience. The children loved building tents and learning how to tie different knots whilst working within a team. We are looking forward to Kate coming back on the 19th of March for experiments and games. We are all happy to see better weather, and lighter nights which results in more active play outdoors.

**OUTDOOR LEARNING** We will be continuing to base our learning outdoors

so please provide your children with appropriate clothes



**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 balances to parents who have outstanding amounts or unusual balances **PLEASE NOTE AFTER EASTER WE WILL BE REINFORCING A £10 PER WEEK FEE FOR ANY CHILD IN**

### **SOCIAL MEDIA**

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, bookings, and links to sites that you may find useful.

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