



## NEWSLETTER

### October 2016

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### Welcome back

We hope you all enjoyed the October break. The Children who attended the service over the holiday period enjoyed the trips on offer, and as always your feedback on our schools out programme is much appreciated.

### Care Inspection

Our Knightswood unit received their inspection from the Care Inspectorate on 22.08.16. We are extremely happy with the grades and feedback from this inspection. Knightswood were graded a 6 (excellent) and a 5 (very good)

### LGBT

We are at the final stages in achieving the LGBT Charter. Staff will be taking part in transgender training for the completion of

receiving the Gold Award. If any parent/carer would like to join us on this half-day course please let a member of staff know.

### Halloween



Each Unit will be having a Halloween Party. Any child who does not normally attend the service on the day that their units party is being held are still welcome to come along. Unfortunately as the staff are extremely busy with helping the children that use the service on that day with their costumes etc, we ask that on the day that you drop your child at the party at 3.30pm and collect your child at 5.15pm. Please ensure that you sign your child in. Usual times apply to children who do normally attend the service on the day of the party.

Antonine are having their party on Wednesday 27<sup>th</sup> October. The Knightswood and St Ninians services will be having a joint party at the Knightswood Unit on Thursday 28<sup>th</sup>. Children from St Ninians will be escorted to Knightswood. **Could all parents**

please remember to pick your child up from **Knightswood Primary**. St Clare's are also having their party on Thursday 28<sup>th</sup> October...Don't forget your fancy dress costumes!!

## Christmas

All units will be having their own Christmas Party dates are yet to be



confirmed.

**Christmas/New Year Holiday**  
**Thursday 22 December 2016 to**  
**Wednesday 4 January 2017**  
**(inclusive)**

## Staff Training



The staff are constantly updating training and taking up opportunities to further their professional development. Training this month will include Assisting Children through Bereavement and Fire Marshal training. Our new staff are completing First Aid, Infection

Control, Food Hygiene and Allergy awareness. These are standard courses all staff undertake.

## Busy Term

This is a very busy time of year for us at after school care, with Halloween, Bonfire night, St Andrews Day and Diwali all coming up before Christmas. We celebrate many occasions throughout the year offering many activities following these themes as well as continuing to promote physical play and child led freeplay.

**SHANARRI** All units this month will be promoting Safety

The **Knightswood** unit will be focussing on stranger danger around Halloween when the children are out trick or treating, and road safety in the darker nights. Also, as always firework safety with Bonfire night approaching.

**St Clare's** are focusing on risk and play. Children will be carrying out their own risk assessments. Assessing their abilities in relation to keeping themselves safe during play. Parents are asked to look at our newly developing display showing photographs of the children taking part in various activities at after school care.

At the **Antonine Unit** Safety in the dark during outdoor play will be

the main activity. Yvonne will be continuing to promote active outdoor play in the dark and providing torches and high visibility accessories for the children and continue outdoor play over the winter months.

**St Ninians** Again are focused on safety this month in particular safety in the dark nights over this winter season, road safety, and stranger danger. The children will be shown videos on safety Danger Rangers.  
[www.dangerrangers.com/kids\\_safety\\_topic.php?id=37](http://www.dangerrangers.com/kids_safety_topic.php?id=37) and

[www.neok12.com/Safety.htm](http://www.neok12.com/Safety.htm)

As always please feel free to make suggestions to help us improve our service.

If you would like to keep up to date with what's happening in the service then



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<https://www.facebook.com/TASC-166852216677390/>

Or Log on to our website  
[www.tascafterschoolcare.org.uk](http://www.tascafterschoolcare.org.uk)  
where you can be kept up to date with all the latest information and dates for your diary. Our website has recently been updated so if there is anything you would like to see on it or linked to then please let a staff member know.

**CHRISTINA**

## HALLOWEEN JOKES – TEST THE KIDS AND HAVE SOME FUN!

Why didn't the skeleton cross the road?

*Because it had no guts.*

Why is Dracula so unpopular?

*Because he's a pain in the neck.*

What do witches use to keep their hair up?

*Scarespray.*

Who won the skeleton beauty contest?

*No body.*

Why do mummies have no friends?

*Their too wrapped up in themselves.*

Which ghost is the best dancer?

*The Boogie Man.*

What's a monsters favorite desert?

*I-Scream!*