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Welcome all parents to our services. We hope that your child is happy in our care, and that you as parents feel supported and receive all the information that you need about the service and the level of care you should expect for your child.

This year has been a year of celebration for our organisation. We have appeared in SOSCN the Scottish Out of School Care organisations newsletter focusing on our service. We were also a runner up in the SSSC Awards a fantastic achievement. We have also achieved accreditation for Investors in Young People and all the Services achieved a Gold Quality Assurance Award from SOSCN. It hasn't stopped there. Recently the Care Inspectorate used our service in one of their publications. They focused on

how we support Gender Equal Play. We will be updating our improvement/way forward plan so if you would like to add anything that you feel would be important and useful for us to focus on, we would be appreciative of your input.

Here is a brief note from all our services.

Knightswood

We welcome all our new P1's and new children. At the moment we are settling in our primary 1s with group activities covering all age ranges. We have also set up a buddy system. We will be enjoying entertainment from Wicked Productions in the coming weeks. If you have any information or skills to share, please contact the manager. We are currently awaiting our inspection and would like to thank all parents/carers and staff for their input.

St Ninians

Welcome back to all our St. Ninians After School Care. Big shout out to the returning children and an extra special welcome to all our new children and their carers. With winter fast approaching, outdoor play will continue wherever possible, therefore we ask parents call our mobile:07901385999 and please do not buzz the nursery school as they are a different establishment.

All children need to play, play is a social necessity and is paramount to their health and wellbeing. Therefore, staff will

create and plan opportunities for the children to learn and develop new skills. Individual Care Plans are still ongoing – if your child is new to the setting and you wish to know more about our care plans please ask a member of staff.

We have a notice board/suggestion box to communicate with all our users so please keep an eye out for this when entering the setting or ask staff for further information.

St Clare's/Camstradden

Similar to the other units, we are settling in our primary 1s well. The Buddies are adapting to their new role, setting good examples to all the children in the unit. St. Clare's has been experiencing issues with wasps which has caused the children to be kept indoors on several days this term. The children sat with Maria and myself Kerry, to make wasp traps which have now been hung on the trees throughout the trim trail. These appear to be making a big difference.

Antonine

We welcome all our children back to term 1 and hope you all had a lovely summer. During term 1 we will be focussing on our birthday celebration wall. The SHANARRI indicator we will be focussing on is nurture. We will start this by planting and growing plants.

School closures

The schools will close on Friday 27th – Monday 30th September inclusive for September weekend. There will be no schools out service during this time.

Schools will also close on Friday 11th October for an in-service day, then Monday 14th – Friday 18th October inclusive. This year there is also an in-service day on Friday 29th November.

We will be offering the full day service at our St Ninians Unit from 8am to 5.45pm at the cost of £25.00 per day, providing there is enough demand. The decision will be made two weeks before that date and bookings must be paid for in advance and are non-refundable. This is to ensure that parents that require the service won't be let down when we have said that we will offer the service and parents later withdraw. If you require a place, please see your unit manager as soon as possible to book.

Upcoming celebrations

As always, alongside facilitating children's choice and free play we will be celebrating events in the coming weeks. In October Halloween we will be having a disco. The dates for the disco will be confirmed!

Summer service

The feedback about our summer service was fantastic. You can view what we did on www.tascafterschoolcare.org.uk under events. Please book early

if you would like the service in October.

Exciting times

We will be rolling out a variety of activities from outside performers etc. Up to date information on these events will be announced on our FB page.

IMPORTANT CHANGES

Added Safety:

The use of Hi-Vis vests with our logo for all staff and children to wear throughout the school holidays was a great success. These will be kept in the unit and improve our safety standards whilst out and about.

Staff Changes

Farewell to Becca as she goes off to start her degree. We wish her well and will miss her. You may be lucky and still see Becca from time to time covering some shifts.

Congratulations to Nicola achieving her SVQ4 Children & Young People. Frank will also be joining us on a full-time basis during term time and he will also be studying a childcare qualification

GIRFEC- What we are working on

All services continue to incorporate the SHANARRI principles into their daily activities. For more information please don't hesitate to speak to staff at your child's unit.


LGBT

Please remember we have an extensive lending library if you wish to borrow one of our books. We are also adding an additional Christmas selection.

Additional Info

Parents please label all clothing to ensure that the staff can allocate items back to the right child. Left belongings are handed into the school.

In Knightswood could parents please note that children will no longer be able to gain access back into the school to collect belongings, therefore it is important to encourage them to remember their things.

To keep updated on our service like our  under T.A.S.C. or check out our website tascafterschoolcare.org.uk
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