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Welcome back

We hope you all enjoyed the Summer holiday.

Children who attended the service over the holiday period experienced lots of outings and a questionnaire is now being given to them to complete asking for their feedback on the holiday program. This enables us to identify what the children liked the most and incorporate this into future holiday programs

School closure

The school will be closed on the following dates

September weekend

Friday 23 and Monday 26 September 2016

First mid-term

Monday 17 to Friday 21 October 2016 (inclusive) We will offer a service during the October Holiday. The service will be held in St Ninian's Primary at the cost of £25.00 per

child per day. Please see your Unit Manager for more details

Inservice Day Friday 14 October.

Again we are open and offering a service on this day speak to your unit manager if you want to book a place.

REMEMBER These places must be booked and paid for in advance.

Christmas/New Year

Thursday 22 December 2016 to

Wednesday 4 January 2017

(inclusive)

Primary one

Welcome to all the children who have just started school.

Knightswood are fortunate to be able to offer a primary one club and the children attending have settled in well and enjoying it. The children starting in our other units at St Clares, Antonine and St Ninians have their primary one visits over the next two weeks and keyworker and buddies have been appointed to the primary one children. Any new parents who have queries about the service please speak to your unit manager.

LGBT

The Banner the children made was displayed at this year's Pride Glasgow. Well done again to the children involved in this art project. We are now in the final stage of achieving the LGBT Charter.

Care Inspection

Our Knightswood unit are due an inspection. We appreciate the support of the parents so please if you have a questionnaire to be completed for the Care Inspectorate please do so now.

SHANARRI

This month the **Knightswood** Unit is concentrating on the SHANARRI indicator Responsible. They have set up a P6/P7 'snack committee' to oversee the health & wellbeing of the service users.

Lynda would also like to inform parents that the homework club with staff support is up and running and remind them that this is the children's individual choice and responsibility if they want to do homework at after school care.



At **St Clare's** the predominant SHANARRI indicator this month is Active. This is being achieved in several ways. Alison is contacting the Forestry Commission with the aim to facilitate outdoor play sessions such as nature walks and den building in the local Camstradden/Bluebell Woods. The children have also been consulted on new outdoor play equipment for the unit and have indicated they want more up to date music for our regular music and dance



sessions.

The **St Ninian's Unit** are also focusing on the SHANARRI indicator Active this month, reflecting on the on the 'My world Outdoor Document'. To embrace this and the children's chosen theme of castles, they are arranging another outdoor walk with the parents and children. This time it is a walk through Mugdock woods to Mugdock castle. Again

they are involving and inviting all the children, parents and staff from all the services on the outing. Jacqui will inform parents with the details once the trip has been organized.



My World Outdoors document states-

"There is a growing body of research that shows that young children's access to nature and outdoor play is positively associated with improved self-esteem, physical health, development of language skills and disposition to learning."

At the **Antonine Unit** this month the main SHANARRI indicator is Nurture. Yvonne has ordered caterpillars from Amazon, the children will take care of the caterpillars, watch and chart their growth and develop into butterflies. The children are also creating their own growth charts and discussing how to look after yourself for growth, health and wellbeing.



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Christina