



NEWSLETTER October 2023

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Firstly, we would like to offer a huge welcome to all our new parents. This year we are so pleased that we have managed to meet so many placing requests under the current circumstances. Parents please feel free to ask the staff any questions you may have.

FUNDING UPDATE



Our service is working alongside each of the schools as we have been fortunate to have secured £148,00 to upgrade play equipment in the playgrounds. We are working alongside all the headteachers to best utilise this funding. This funding is from The Inspiring Space Project, and it

will help make your child's time with us even more enjoyable.

P1's

We have quite a few new P1's that have joined us this year and we are delighted that you have chosen T.A.S.C. We trust that your child's experience will be happy. Please be confident that we will do our best to ensure your child enjoys their time with us.

HALLOWEEN PARTY



Hopefully all your children had a lovely time at their party.

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 our answer machine. This is preferable to an email as the staff are all part time and only come into the service at 2pm to prepare snacks and activities and they then check for messages on the phones. Can I also ask that you contact your service directly with any questions that you may have. We are now receiving a lot of emails with questions that are best and quicker answered by your service.

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.

OCTOBER SCHOOL HOLIDAY

Despite the weather we had a great time which included trips to the cinema etc. We will be offering a service during the February mid-term if there is enough

demand. We will also be offering our usual Schools Out service during the Easter holidays. Due to an increase in government funded places I would advise booking early to guarantee a place.

ANTONINE

Since August our new children, including our P1's have settled in well and are now coming out of their little shells :)

This term we have been focusing on two SHANARRI indicators:

SAFE - ensuring that all children know who to go to if they ever need help, and how to keep themselves safe when coming to after school care. This means ensuring that they know what days they attend. We will also be helping children to recognise their limits when outside to protect themselves and we have introduced activities that spark many discussions on how to stay safe during Halloween and bonfire night.

INCLUDED - We are asking children to give their ideas and opinions to ensure we provide activities that meet each child's needs as well as interests. We regularly plan inclusive activities such as octopus, Simon says, dodge ball, tig, football, Jail break, board games and arts and crafts activities. This encourages children to play/work together, take part in a variety of different things, make friends and feel comfortable knowing they are a part of our service.

KNIGHTSWOOD

We would like to welcome all our new children to Knightswood, and to let you parents know that they are all doing well and enjoying their time at afterschool.

We have benefitted from lots of dry weather enabling a wide range of outdoor activities. These range from parachute games, football, playing with our friends and lots of other outdoor activities.

Indoors, John has been creating glow in the dark jars which the children have been enjoying. Amy created our Halloween wall and various organised various arts and crafts activities.

We are now gearing up for Remembrance Sunday, St Andrews day and of course the lead up to Christmas and the arrival of the big man himself Santa.

ST CLARE'S

As we still have relatively good weather the children will continue to enjoy time playing outdoors albeit wrapped up nice and warm. We will be hosting the Halloween party and inviting Antonine ASC along to join the fun and games. We can't wait to see what wonderful costumes everyone will be wearing this year.

I'm so very proud to announce that all 13 entries made from St Clare's to the UK wide 'Perfect Pets' drawing competition have been accepted for Publication ☐



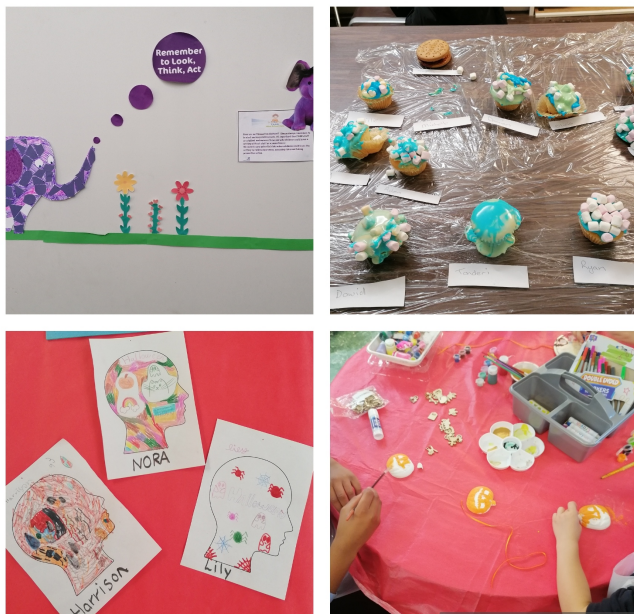
The children were so excited when they received their Certificates and are looking forward to seeing their pictures in print. Obviously, we are all secretly keeping our fingers crossed that one of our kids wins the £1,000 top prize for the unit.

Now that the days and nights are becoming darker and colder, we shall turn our focus to the SHANARRI indicator 'SAFE' especially as bonfire night is only a few weeks away. Over the next few months, we shall be gearing up for Remembrance Sunday, St Andrews Day and finally starting our preparations for Santa's big arrival making lots of sparkly Christmas tree decorations along the way, keeping our eye out for our resident 'Elf' ...

ST NINIANS

We have had mixed emotions coming back this year, whilst losing some of our older long-term children this year we have enjoyed welcoming our new children to our T.A.S.C. family.

Throughout October we have been focusing on the SHANARRI indicators SAFE and ACHIEVING. We have also started our SIMOA wall: How to keep children safe. We will continue this throughout November.



As part of this we recently celebrated Mental Health Day with 'what is inside my head' and spoke about our feelings and emotions.

As part of our activities, we have been celebrating Halloween. I'm sure you will have noticed in the unit at pick up time the various activities that the children have participated in. The children are looking forward to our annual Halloween party almost as much as the staff.

OUTDOOR LEARNING

We will be continuing to base our learning outdoors so please provide your children with appropriate clothing.

ANTI-BULYING & ROAD SAFETY WEEK

This is the week beginning the 14th of November. We will be providing activities that focus on these important issues. Please support our road safety by

ensuring this winter your child wears a bright jacket.

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 spreadsheet to parents who have outstanding amounts or unusual balances. Fees are due until the school term end even if you go on holiday prior to this date. Fees are also due when your child is off sick, attending a school club or when the school is closed through no fault of the service. Fees should always be 2 weeks in advance.

STUDENTS FEES

To use the service, students must follow our fee policy, the same as our other users. Fees are required for all weeks, as we do not employ staff and then drop their hours etc.

Students are responsible for ensuring their fees are paid. Please be aware that our contract is with the student and not with their further education establishment.

SOCIAL MEDIA

Please remember to join us on FACEBOOK. You can check out our website on

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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