



# MACS Crookfur

## Spring 2016 Newsletter

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**STAFF NEWS** We are delighted to announce that Sidra had a baby boy in March and we all wish Sidra well. Sidra will be on maternity leave for the rest of this year. We also said goodbye to Chloe who has gone to pursue a career in a nursery and we wish Chloe every success. Joan has recently given notice to us at this time but the door is open for Joan in the future and we wish her well. Fiona Millarkie, who is one of our practitioners from MACS Neilston has joined us for breakfast and after-school care until the end of term. Shannon has also joined us from Carolside at this time while we are recruiting. Laura has been successful in her application to do teaching and we wish her every success. Laura will be with us until the end of this term.

As you will see there will be a number of changes to our staff team but we will introduce you to our new staff as they join our team. We would like to thank Lewis who has been volunteering on a Wednesday afternoon as part of his Duke of Edinburgh Award, for his help and support he has shown to the children. Lewis is happy to continue to volunteer for a further spell with us.

**CROOKFUR PRIMARY REFURBISHMENT** As you will be aware, Crookfur is beginning the first phase of refurbishment. This refurbishment will not affect our service this term, but will from August. We will be able to continue to run the breakfast club from Crookfur, but at this time we are in contact with the Care Inspectorate to discuss a local venue suitable for after-school care. This relocation will be until the school is completed in August 2017. As soon as we can confirm the relocation venue we will be back in touch with everyone.

### PERMISSION TO PUBLISH PHOTOS ON OUR WEBSITE

**We will continue to take photos of children during each session to showcase their activities and engagement in play indoors and outdoors. These will be displayed on our welcome boards as well as at times being published on our website. If you have objections to your child's photo being used for our website then please speak to Elaine or Carly or email us at head office on**

**[general@macs.uk.com](mailto:general@macs.uk.com)**

**ACTIVITIES to the End of Term** We hope with the weather changing now that this will give the children more opportunities for outside play. We are also organising local walks for groups of children, as well as visits for our older children to the local shops. Details of all trips and activities will be emailed to you next week as well as being available on the front desk.

**SUNCREAM** If you wish your child to use their own suncream, then please bring in a bottle labelled with your child's name.

**PERMISSION FOR OFF-SITE TRIPS** If you do not wish your child to attend any of the trips once these are prepared, then please advise Elaine or Carly of this. Otherwise we will assume all parents are happy with the arrangements, dates and times we make.

**SWIMMING** Unfortunately there has been a drop in the interest of going swimming on Mondays lately and therefore until the end of term we will be cancelling this activity. We may start this up again in the new term in August, but will keep everyone informed of this. By August some of our younger children turning 8 and able to swim unaided may be able to take part in this activity then.

**HOLIDAY DATES** Election days are Thursday 5<sup>th</sup> May and Thursday 23<sup>rd</sup> June when we will be operating a holiday service at Mearns Parish Church on these days. We have very limited space left and therefore if you still require care please contact our head office immediately. We will be operating a holiday service on Friday 27<sup>th</sup> May and Tuesday 30<sup>th</sup> May which will be run from Mearns Parish Church. Again there is limited space available.

**WAITING LISTS:** We have filled all places for both breakfast club and after-school care from August 2016, however there may be changes to requested days which will enable us to offer out to those who are on our extensive waiting list, which includes parents already using our service still waiting on days.

**SOCIAL MEDIA POLICY REVIEW** With technology and communication through mobile devices more the norm for both adults and children, we have reviewed our policy for children using their mobile phones during our service. As Primary 7 children are transitioning to High School we believe that to help promote their independence we would like to offer them the opportunity to use their mobile phone with their downloaded music and games, but without camera use and no access to the internet.

**'Getting it Right for Every Child' (GIRFEC)** We are reviewing our current format for personal plans for children and looking to roll these out in the new term August 2016. We will be speaking to parents to let you know what information we are recording and what the desired outcomes are.

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**AFTER SCHOOL CARE** We are encouraging all children to remember to bring all their belongings from class when the bells rings, as we are unable to return to the classrooms once our service has begun for health and safety reasons. We ask that you speak to your child about their belongings and work with our staff in understanding we cannot return to classrooms when you are collecting your child.

**Getting in touch with us** If your child is not attending MACS as they are off school sick or otherwise, or if someone else is collecting your child, please contact Carly for breakfast club and Elaine for after-school care. If you would like to arrange a meeting to discuss any issues then please contact Elaine who will be happy to meet at a time suitable to yourself.

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