



St. Catherine's Nursery Class – Busy Bee Room Newsletter March 2016

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2 Year/ 3 Year old Places

In March we will be allocating spaces for our August 2016 intake of nursery children. If you would like to apply for a place please pick up an application form from the school office and return **before 7th March 2016**.

Five to Thrive - Walking group

Our first walking group sessions will take place on the morning and afternoon of Wednesday 2nd March. There is still time to put your name up on to the notice board if you have not done so already.

Open Day

This term our open day will be on 16th March 2016 and we will continue with the open door policy on that day. This is an excellent opportunity for you to have a look at your child's special record of work and leave a comment about their progress. When you come into nursery on that day your child will take you to a quiet place to look through their folder with them. This is a lovely opportunity to talk to your child about their learning.

Stay and Play

Thank you to all of parents/carers who have signed up to come in to nursery for a morning or afternoon to stay and play. If you have not signed up yet please add your name to the sheets that can be found on our parent's notice board. Remember to speak to staff if you have an activity in mind that you would like to do for example, baking, sewing, arts and crafts, gardening... If you are happy to simply come in and work with jigsaws or construction that's great too.

Donation

Thank you to all who very kindly donate. This month your donations have paid for a selection of snacks for our children to enjoy each day and for baking utensils that the children have used to make homemade pizzas, cakes and pancakes. Great fun!

Fund Raising

This term's fund raising event is a pyjama day on the 31 March 2016. This is a favourite with our nursery pupils. The cost of this is £1 per child and it will go towards our nursery funds. This is of course as always voluntary, thank you for your continued support.

Learning Experiences

This term your children continue to have fun learning about people who help us and how to keep safe. This term the children have been developing skills in creativity, problem solving and collaborating to create big structures such as a fire engine and coast guard helicopter. Your children are involved in weekly mind mapping sessions and this allows us to base our topics around their interests. If you have anything that you could bring to this topic please speak to one of our nursery officers and let them know your ideas!

Tesco Bags of Help

St Catherine's has been nominated alongside two schools in Clydebank to receive funding from the Tesco Bags of Help Initiative. The project with the most votes at the end of the voting process will be awarded £12,000. The second and third placed projects will receive funding amounting to £10,000 and £8,000 respectively.

If you are planning to shop in the Tesco stores in East Lane, Renfrew, Linwood or the Tesco Express in Renfrew Road between Saturday 27th February and Sunday 6th March you will be able to vote for our project which focuses on improving the playground and supporting outdoor learning.

End of the Day

We are currently trying out a new collection system at the end of the day. This involves our Busy Bee Room and our Daisy Room parents/carers lining up outside their own doors. We thank you for taking this on board and for the positive feedback about this so far.

Evaluation

Please see attached your collated responses from our recent questionnaire it was lovely to read so many positive comments. As you know we take on board all of your feedback and our new collection system at the end of the day was an idea from one of our parent/carer responses. Thank you as always for your continued support.

Diary Dates

February

29 Stay and Play sessions begin

March

16 Open day
Stay and Play
25 Holiday
28 Holiday
31 Pyjama day

April

1 School closes at 2.30pm
18 Pupils return to nursery today

May

2 Holiday
5 School closed (Scottish Parliament Elections)
26 In-Service Day (Pupils do not attend)
27 Holiday
30 Holiday

Achievements

We encourage your children to tell us about their achievements out with school we are sure that we do not know about lots of things however big or small, for this reason we would like your help. If you feel your child has accomplished something for the first time, improved in something or has achieved an award please let us know by completing the slip below. This will be shared with all the children during welcome time and added to our achievement records.

I would like (name) _____

To be recognised for his/her achievement in _____

He/She _____

Parent/ Carer signature _____

Date _____
