



St Catherine's Nursery Class

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Welcome

A warm welcome to our new families. Our nursery is thriving and it is wonderful to see so many of our families actively involving themselves in nursery life.

Change of Clothes

A reminder to all Parents/Carers to keep a change of clothes in your child's bag, thank you. Please provide your children with soft shoes to change into. It would be beneficial for your child to be dressed in loose clothing which is easy for them to manage to encourage independence when using the toilet.

Weather

Please ensure that weather appropriate clothing is worn as your children will be involved in outdoor learning every day. As the weather can be quite mixed at this time of year a waterproof jacket and sensible footwear should be worn. Many thanks.

Absences

Please remember to phone the nursery mobile if your child will be absent from nursery, thank you.

Password

If you are not collecting your child from nursery and it is not someone we know we will ask you to provide a password. The password will change each time this happens. If you are late to collect your child they will always be safe and well at our main office.

Fund Raising

Please remember our teddy bear picnic is on **15th September** for all of our children. Your child should come to nursery with their favourite teddy and £1 which will go towards nursery funds. We will have a lovely picnic and some games outside. All Parents/Carers welcome! We thank you for your continued support.

Bookbug – Busy Bee Room

A reminder that you are welcome to join us every Wednesday up until **Wednesday 12th October** for our Bookbug Sessions which last roughly half an hour. It has been fantastic to see so many of our Parents/Carers coming along to these sessions and we have enjoyed sharing in all of the stories, songs, rhymes and hugs with you and your children. If you have not attended as yet please come along.

Tesco Bags of Help Campaign

We have recently been awarded our funds from the Tesco Bags of Help Campaign. We received £9000 and are due to receive a further £3000 later in the year. Our secret garden is well under way and will be a wonderful space to take forward outdoor learning for our nursery children and the rest of the school. Playground markings are being installed including 3D Hopscotch, Dance Mat and Snakes and Ladders. The older children have requested a good set of goals for the pitch area which will arrive in the coming weeks. The further £3000 will purchase basket ball nets and a further set of goals. The children are very excited about their playground make over.

Walk a Mile

Every day on arrival to nursery our Busy Bee Room children start their session by walking a mile around our school grounds. It is proven that this helps to develop children's social skills, behaviour and improves their learning. If you would like to join us any morning/afternoon for a nice walk just let one of our nursery staff know on arrival. We would love you to join us!

Families First

We have been working very closely with 'Families First' to put together a series of workshops for our families which will be based here in St Catherine's Primary School in Term 2 of this year. These will involve sessions such as Cooking on a Budget, Mindfulness and Being Creative for Christmas to name but a few. More information to follow in the coming weeks.

Daisy Room and Busy Bee Room Open Day

Please remember to join us on **Thursday 22nd September** to have a look at your child's special record of work. There is an open door policy on this day so you can pop in on arrival/collection or at any time that suits you. This is a time for you to simply sit with your child and have a look at the journey of their learning so far and to leave a comment in their book. Our nursery staff will be available to answer any questions about your child's learning you might have.

Learning Experiences

This term in our Busy Bee's Room your children have been developing skills in many curricular areas through learning about the season of Autumn. We have been developing rich literacy skills across the curriculum through enjoying the pupil's choice topic of 'Books and Stories.' Busy Bee children have been enjoying reading and listening to the story of Jack and the Beanstalk and have planted 'magic beans' and are building a giant beanstalk! Our Daisy Room children have been enjoying developing many skills through their favourite stories including "The journey home from Grandpa" and "We all go travelling by" Could Daisy Room children please bring in a family photograph for their topic work.

ECO groups

Rebecca Thorburn will be taking forward our ECO work within the nursery and our new ECO group has been established including children from both rooms. If you have any empty 2 litre bottles could you please bring them in to the nursery for our children to create rain catchers. On the 27TH September we will be working with the rest of the school to enjoy a One Planet Picnic and we will be litter picking and learning about keeping our environment clean and tidy too.

Dates for your Diary!

September

- 14 Bookbug Story telling Session
- 15 Teddybear picnic! £1
- 21 Bookbug Story telling Session
- 22 Open Day
- 23 Holiday
- 26 Holiday
- 27 One Planet Picnic
- 28 Bookbug Story telling Session

October

- 5 Bookbug Story telling Session
- 12 Final Bookbug Story telling Session
- 13 School closes to children for October break
- 14 In Service Day School Closed to pupils
- 24 Pupils return

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 _____