



## **St. Catherine's Nursery Class – Busy Bee Room Newsletter August 2016**

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### **Welcome**

We would like to say a very warm welcome to our returning children and to our new children. The children have settled back in to the way of nursery life very well and our new children are a very welcome addition to St Catherine's Nursery. Well done children!

### **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 clothing which is easy for them to manage to encourage independence when using the toilet.

### **Notice Board**

Please remember to have a look at our notice board this will update you with what your children have been involved in each day and any new developments in our rooms.

### **Summer Weather**

Please ensure sunscreen is applied to your child prior to attending nursery and that weather appropriate clothing is worn as your children will be involved in outdoor learning every day.

### **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.

### **Fund Raising**

There will be four planned fund-raising events over the course of the year to support our nursery funds. The first of which will be a teddy bear picnic on 15<sup>th</sup> Spetember. Your child should come to nursery with their favourite teddy and £1 we will have a lovely picnic and some games outside. This of course as always is optional. We thank you for your continued support.

### **Child's Plans**

To ensure we are 'Getting it Right for Every Child' and in line with Renfrewshire Council Policy a Child's Plan is completed for every pupil on entering nursery. You will be asked to meet with our Senior Nursery Officer Teresa Marklow to complete this within one month of your child's start date. This appointment will take 20-30 minutes.

### **Parent Committee**

We would like to invite you to join our Nursery Parent Committee. This will allow you to be consulted on up and coming events and issues relevant to the life of our nursery. It will allow staff and parents to work in collaboration and get to know each other even better. Our plans are to hold a meeting once a month and we will set aside an area for your children to play so that child care is not an issue for you. Tea and coffee will be provided too. If you are interested in joining this group please speak to Mrs Marklow.

## **2 Year old Places**

We currently have limited spaces left within our Daisy Room. If you are aware of a parent who would like to apply for a place please encourage them to pick up an application form from the school office. Please see below for the criteria for a place.

- **Income support;**
- **Job seekers allowance (income based);**
- **Employment and support allowance (income based);**
- **Incapacity benefit or severe disablement allowance and**
- **State pension credit.**

A place can also be supported by a referral from your Health Visitor, for more information or advice please contact Mrs Henry.

## **Bookbug**

This term we are delighted to announce that we will be working in partnership with the Skoobmobile. The Skoobmobile is an outreach programme that promotes a love of reading and playing to children and their families. This term the Skoobmobile will visit our school every **Wednesday** from **24<sup>th</sup> August – 12<sup>th</sup> October** and our children will be involved in storytelling and book borrowing sessions on board the bus! As part of this project we would like to invite you in to the nursery to join in some fun storytelling Bookbug sessions with your children. I can guarantee you will find this a very rewarding experience.

**9.00am-9.30am** for our am Parents/Carers

**12.45pm-1.15pm** for our pm Parents/Carers

## **Learning Experiences**

This term your children will be having fun learning about the season of Autumn and developing skills in many curricular areas through the topic of 'Myself.'

## **Nursery Times**

The nursery operates two session times:

Morning:

8.45 a.m. -11:55 a.m.

Afternoon:

12:45 p.m. - 3:55 p.m.

Monday to Friday term time.

## **Staff**

Head Teacher – Mrs Teresa Brown

Depute Head Teacher – Mrs Emma Henry

Senior Nursery Officer – Mrs Teresa Marklow

Busy Bee Room – Mrs Amanda Brown, Mrs Vikki Flynn, Vacancy

Daisy Room – Mrs Heather Ferrier, Mrs Rebecca Thorburn

Early Years Teacher: Mrs Samira Ashgar

## **Dates for your Diary!**

### **August**

15 Pupils return

24 Bookbug Story telling Session

31 Bookbug Story telling Session

### **September**

7 Bookbug Story telling Session

14 Bookbug Story telling Session

15 Teddybear picnic! £1

21 Bookbug Story telling Session

22 Open Day

23 Holiday

26 Holiday

28 Bookbug Story telling Session

### **October**

5 Bookbug Story telling Session

12 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\_\_\_\_\_

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Parent/ Carer signature \_\_\_\_\_

Date \_\_\_\_\_