



St. Catherine's Nursery Class Newsletter August 2017

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Welcome

I 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!

All about me

Please complete and return the 'All about me' sheets for your child's profile if you have not done so already. Remember we like to hear about your child's achievements from home too. There is an achievement sheet attached to each months newsletter and photographs, certificates etc. are great to see too!

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.



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**.

Donations

A massive thank you to all the parents and carers who continue to support the nursery with your voluntary donation of £2 per week. This money is used to provide the children with outings and snack. It is very much appreciated.

Families First

Please see the list of events from Families First on the notice board. If you wish to see Families First they are available here on Fridays 1.00 pm to 2.00 pm or at Gallowhill Community Centre on a Tuesday morning 10.00am - 11.00am.

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.

Renfrewshire Council's Policy on Smoking and Dogs

Renfrewshire Council has adopted a **no smoking** policy in all premises and council owned grounds. **Dogs are not permitted** on school grounds.

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 **Friday 15th September**. 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.

Family Book

Please send in photographs for our new Family Book. This will let us see some of the special people in your child's life. Please write names/relationship on the back of the photograph.

Parent Group

We would like to invite you to join our Nursery Parent Group. 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 term. Our first meeting is planned for **Tuesday 19th September** at **9.30am** I hope to see you there!

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

Bookbug sessions will be held every Tuesday morning/Thursday afternoon starting the week beginning **28th August**. This is a fantastic opportunity for you to share a love of story-telling, song and rhyme with your child and have a great time too.



Walking group

Please keep an eye on our notice board for our next walking group trip. Remember you are welcome to join us in our walk a mile which happens each day, on entry to nursery just say to your child's key worker that you wish to come along!



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 Sharon O'Donnell, Mrs Vikki Flynn

Daisy Room - Mrs Heather Ferrier, Miss Rebecca Thorburn

Early Years Teacher: Mrs Jenna McKernan

Dates for your Diary!

August

15 Pupils return

Tuesday morning/Thursday afternoon - Bookbug (starting week beginning 28/8/2017)

September

Tuesday morning/Thursday afternoon - Bookbug

15 Teddy Bear Picnic (£1)

19 Parent Group meeting 9.30am

21 Parent/Carers Open Day

Holiday

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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 _____