



St. Catherine's Nursery Class Newsletter September 2017

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Notice Board/Website

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

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 resources, outings and snack. This month our children have visited local shops to buy resources for our rooms, have been on local bus trips and have been baking and decorating cakes.

Indoor shoes

Please provide your child with soft indoor shoes, bags are kept on coat pegs for you to store them easily.

Family photographs

Thank you for all of your lovely family photographs. If you have not provided us with one as yet we would love to have one for each of our families. Thank you.

Collection

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. Please make sure you inform staff of who is picking up your child from nursery even if it is a parent we know and ensure your contact details are kept up to date. Many thanks.

Fund Raising

Our teddy bear picnic will be 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.



Maths Week Scotland

As this is the inaugural year of Maths Week Scotland, across Renfrewshire we are taking part in a celebration of all things mathematical during the week beginning 11th September. During this week your children will be involved in daily maths activities and games.

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.

Bookbug

Bookbug sessions will continue every Tuesday morning/Thursday afternoon 9am/1pm. Please try to come along! On **Thursday 12 October at 9.30am - 10.30am and 1.30pm - 2.30pm** we will be having a Bookbug explorer gifting session for our three year olds. We would like as many of our parents as possible to come along so please save the date! More information to follow in the coming weeks.

Walking group

Please keep an eye on our notice board for our next walking group trip. Our first walk of the year was a great success and the children enjoyed taking pictures of some of Paisley's beautiful building to recreate with their blocks! Thank you to the parents that accompanied us on our walk.



Daisy Room and Busy Bee Room Open Day

Please remember to join us on **Thursday 21st September** to have a look at your child's special record of work and our floor books. This is a time for you to sit with your child and have a look at the journey of their learning so far. Our nursery staff will be available to answer any questions you might have. We look forward to seeing you then. See our notice board for further updates.

Learning Experiences

This term your children have been involved in creating their own learning pathways through the use of talking tubs and mind maps. We ensure that our children are motivated to learn through gearing our learning experiences to each child's individual interests and needs. We record this journey in our floor books which you are welcome to browse through at any time. Our book of the month in our Busy Bee Room is 'The Something' by Rebecca Cobbin, the children have been developing their Literacy skills across all areas of the room mark making, building and role playing scenes from the story.

Environment

We have consulted the children as to how they want their nursery to look and the types of things they would like to see in it. This has resulted in a brand new book corner and lot of new resources including large blocks and puzzles. We are currently creating outdoor kits which allow us to take all aspects of the nursery outdoors including books, mark making materials and blocks.

Dates for your Diary!

September

	Tuesday morning/Thursday afternoon - Bookbug
11	Maths Week
15	Teddy Bear Picnic (£1)
19	Parent Group meeting 9.30am
21	Parent/Carers Open Day
22	Holiday
25	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 _____