



## St. Catherine's Nursery Class Newsletter February 2018

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### Parent Partnership

We try to promote positive relationships and involve our parents/carers in all aspects of nursery life. Please try to come along to the following events:

- Every Tuesday/Thursday – Bookbug. A time to enjoy stories, songs and rhymes with your child.
- Every morning/afternoon – Walk a mile with your child. What a great way to stay fit and healthy!
- 28<sup>th</sup> February/22<sup>nd</sup> March - Walking group. Once a month we go out on a walk in to the local community
- 20<sup>th</sup> February – Nursery Open Day
- 19<sup>th</sup> March 2018 - Stay and Play week. See notice boards for further information

### Infection Control

This time of year is when coughs and colds and sickness bugs are circulating. In nursery the children are very good at washing their hands after the toilet, and using a tissue when they sneeze. We would like you to reinforce this message at home, and ask if your child suffers from a bout of sickness or diarrhoea, they should not attend nursery for 48 hours. Thank you for your co-operation.

### Activity Fund

There are 11 weeks within the current term, parents are welcome to donate £2.00 per week or can donate for the 11 weeks which would be £22.00. Can I remind parents the activity funds benefit all our children and help to pay for healthy snacks and drinks, outings, parties and events. Without your support we could not provide your children with such wide and varied experiences in nursery.

### Carpark

Please remember the car park is for staff only. Children should not pass through the car park. For your own safety please use the appropriate railed pathway in to the nursery.

### School Access / Inclement Weather

Please be aware that during the winter months, pavements around the school may be slippery. The playground areas could also be icy. Everyone is asked to take extra care and use the safest routes and those which have been gritted. The council policy is that only main walking routes/pathways in and out of the building will be treated with grit. A very big thank you to Mr O'Neill for as always doing more than required to keep our families safe. Mrs Henry is very grateful to have the best janitor in Paisley!

### Speech & Language Therapy Drop-In Advice Clinics

These are for children and families living in Renfrewshire. The local venue is The Aranthrue Centre (Paisley Road) between 10am and 12noon on the 2nd Friday of the month: 9 February; 9 March; 13 April 2018. For more information contact 0141 314 4601.

### Nursery Applications

A reminder that all applications for children beginning nursery next session 2018-2019 should be returned to the school office as soon as possible.

## **Absences**

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

## **Password**

Please remember to supply your child's Key Person with a password if they are being picked up by someone else thank you.

## **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. Please label all of your child's clothing, thank you. Please remember weather appropriate clothing for the time of year as your child will be involved in learning outdoors daily. If your child has borrowed clothing from nursery could we please ask that you return it as our stock is running very low. May thanks.

## **Transition**

Our children that are moving on to Primary One in August are currently involved in our 'Reading Buddies' initiative. This is a wonderful transition programme in which our nursery children spend time in Primary One being led by the children in literacy based activities. Great fun!

## **School Holidays**

The nursery will be close to pupils on Friday 9<sup>th</sup> February and will re-open to staff and pupils on Wednesday 14<sup>th</sup> February.

## **Learning experiences**

Our Busy Bee's have been enjoying discovery play, baking gingerbread men and cooking soup for snack. They have been learning to care for local wildlife by making bird feeders and have also enjoyed taking their numeracy and mathematics outdoors. Nursery rhymes have been very popular and our Busy Bee's are learning all about good listening. Our children have been preparing for school by enjoying 'Buddy Reading' with Primary One.

Our Daisy Room children have been learning all about numbers and went into the local community on a number hunt! They have been enjoying role play and having been developing problem solving and creativity skills through block play too.

## **Open Door Friday**

To support transition and develop relationships between staff and children across our nursery on a Friday your children will have the opportunity to access all areas of the nursery.

## **Dates for your diary**

### **February**

9	In-Service Day (Pupils do not attend)
12	Holiday
13	Holiday
20	Open Day
28	Walking group

### **March**

19	Stay and Play week
22	Walking group
28	Sponsored event (More information to follow)
29	School closes for Spring Break (Pupil's return Monday 16 <sup>th</sup> April)

## Recognition of Achievement

Although we encourage children to tell us about their achievements out with school we are sure that we don't know about lots of things however big or small, for this reason we would like your help. If you feel that your child has accomplished something for the first time, improved in something, or has achieved an award (yellow belt in Judo, badges at Scouts/Brownies/Boys Brigade etc.) please let us know by completing the tear off slip below. This will then be shared with all of our friends and added to our achievements records.

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Details of Personal Achievement

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Parent's Signature \_\_\_\_\_

Date \_\_\_\_\_

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***You are welcome to provide feedback on any items contained in our newsletter. Please do not hesitate to contact me if there is ever anything you wish to discuss.***

***Mrs Emma Henry, Head Teacher***

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