



St. Catherine's Nursery Class Newsletter January 2018

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A very Happy New Year to all members of our school community I do hope that you all enjoyed a very restful and peaceful Christmas. If you were lucky enough to get a new phone from Santa please remember to notify us of your new number. I would like to say how grateful I am for your kind words, cards and gifts. I am delighted to be taking on the role of Head Teacher and I am very much looking forward to the year ahead with you all.

Emma Henry

Thank you

On behalf of all the staff of St Catherine's Primary I would like to wish you a happy new year and take this opportunity to thank you for the kind cards and gifts received prior to Christmas.

Applications

We currently have spaces 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 speak to the school office or one of our Nursery staff.

A reminder that all applications for Session 2018-2019 should be returned to the school office as soon as possible.

Parent Group

Thank you to all of our parents that helped to wrap our children's Christmas presents. As always your help and support is very much appreciated. Our next Parent Group Meeting will be on **Wednesday 7th February at 1pm.** All welcome!

Christmas Show

Thank you for your support in preparing your children for their Christmas Show! With not a dry eye in the house, we know that you were all very impressed with your children. Well done boys and girls!

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.

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 room.

Website

Please remember to use our school website, 'Whole School News' will provide you with up and coming events and necessary information and 'Nursery Blogs' will showcase our pupil's skills and talents across the curriculum and beyond. You will also find copies of our newsletters, school handbook, school improvement plan and other useful information.

Learning experiences

Our Busy Bee children have been enjoying learning all about winter and wildlife. Our children made bird feeders to help protect our local wildlife. We have enjoyed learning nursery rhymes and the children decided that, The Gingerbread Man will be their book of the month. We continue to enjoy cooking and baking and enjoy making our own snacks! Our Daisy Room children have enjoyed learning all about winter and have been learning their numbers too. We have been working together to follow the Golden Rules. All of our children continue to have daily opportunities to learn outdoors.

Walking group

Our next walking group will be on **Tuesday 16th January 2018**. Please try to come along. We are happy to hear suggestions as to where you would like to go, please speak to Teresa if you are interested in attending.

Absences

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

Open Day

This terms Open Day will be on **20th February 2018**. This is a fantastic opportunity for you to see what your child has been learning and for them to talk to you about their work. More information will go up on to our Parent Notice Board in the coming weeks.

Diary Dates

January

- 10 Primary 1 Registration 1pm-3pm (A-L)
- 11 Primary 1 Registration 1pm-3pm (M-Z)

February

- 9 In-service Day
- 16 Walking group
- 12 Holiday
- 13 Holiday
- 20 Open Day

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

Parent's Signature _____

Date _____
