



St. Catherine's Nursery Class March 2018 Newsletter

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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!
- 19th March 2018 - Stay and Play week. See notice boards for further information
- 20th March - Parent Group Meeting at 11am
- 22nd March - Walking group. Once a month we go out on a walk in to the local community

Spring into Easter

Please see our school website for further information about Renfrewshire Leisure's Spring into Easter offers. A fantastic range of activities is available for children during the upcoming spring holidays.

Visits

We are delighted to welcome Chief Executive Sandra Black and Depute Director Steven Quinn to St Catherine's on Friday 2nd March. Our visitors are looking forward to spending time with staff and pupils and seeing our school vision to, Attain, Achieve, Aspire, in action!

Activity Fund

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. Thank you for your continued support.

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 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 By Friday 2nd March 2018.

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.

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.

Parent Group Meeting

I would like to welcome you to our next Parent Group Meeting which will take place Tuesday 20th March at 11am. Items on the agenda include nursery budget, fundraising and our events calendar.

Learning experiences

All children have been involved in outdoor learning including den making and planting for Spring. We welcomed our parents/carers to our open day and enjoyed showing off all of our nursery achievements.

Through our Busy Bee's book of the month, 'The Little Red Hen' the children decided to find out all about healthy eating and where food comes from. The children have been developing skills in working collaboratively, decision making and problem solving through our new block play resources. Opportunities to investigate materials, enquire and solve problems have been explored through practical experiments with water and ice.

Our Daisy Room children continue to work hard to learn their numbers through play and all across the playroom. The story of the Stick Man has promoted many interesting learning experiences and this will be extended to the outdoors. Mrs Henry enjoyed a visit to the Daisy Room hospital for a check-up where the children took excellent care of her!

Stay and Play

This month we would like to invite you in to nursery to stay and play with your child. This is a wonderful opportunity for you to spend quality time with your child in their nursery setting and see how confident and happy they are! Your children will very soon be coming home with some questions about what you would like to do when you visit and when you can come along. More information to follow on our notice board. We look forward to welcoming you soon.

Community Clean Up

Rebecca's ECO group will be involved in the Gallowhill Community Clean Up Initiative where they will take part in litter picking and will be liaising with other local services including Police Scotland and Scottish Fire and Rescue.

World Book Day

Please see our Parent Notice Board for World Book Day updates!

School Holidays

The nursery will close to pupils on Thursday 29th March at the usual time and will re-open on Monday 16th April.

Dates for your diary

March

19	Stay and Play week
22	Walking group
28	Sponsored event (More information to follow)
29	School closes for Spring Break

April

16	Pupils return
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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 _____

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

The newsletter is available on the school website

<https://blogs.glowscotland.org.uk/re/stcatherines/>

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