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June Newsletter

Promoting Positive Behaviour – Rights Based Learning

Throughout this session we have been continuing to emphasise our promoting positive behaviour/anti-bullying policy. During the final term we will once again be reminding pupils of the importance of their role in implementing our policies. An important aspect of the Rights Respecting approach is that our children must appreciate that behaving well is a key feature of showing respect towards each other. This would include within school and out of school. It is a positive lifestyle choice. It is our expectation that pupils do not engage in any activity that would hurt or offend another child or adult.

Community Police Officers

We recently welcomed our Community Police Officers PC Corrie Keith and PC Ross Wilson to St Catherine's. We were very grateful to them for spending time in every class introducing themselves to our children and talking to our them about their role in the community. We are delighted that they will be regular visitors to our school and a visible presence within our community.

New Primary 1 Parents

Well done to our new recruits who had a fabulous time in Primary One and enjoyed meeting their new buddies. We look forward to welcoming our families old and new to our school community very soon!

Health & Wellbeing Summer/Sun Care

Now that we are in the summer term, we hope the warm weather continues. Please consider providing a hat and applying sun screen to children on hot days. The children should come to school with a water bottle and there are always opportunities for them to refill this during the day. For more information visit www.sunsmart.org.uk.

PE Kits

Pupils require trainers, school polo-shirt, shorts and on occasions jogging bottoms. There are times a lightweight waterproof jacket would be helpful for your child for outdoor learning.

School Trip

Our summer school trip is in the process of being finalised. We were delighted with the response for parent helpers and thank all who very kindly put their name forward. Unfortunately, we cannot take everyone along and we will let the parent helpers who have been selected know by text. Please let us know as soon as possible if you are no longer available to enable us to arrange an alternative and stay within ratio.

A Reminder from the School Nurse

Head lice can be present in a small number of children at any time. They are easily treated with prescribed lotions or removed by regular bug busting. To help keep your child free from head lice we recommend long hair is tied back and weekly bug busting with a fine toothed nit comb used on wet hair. If no lice are found repeat this once a week. If you do discover live, walking head lice and are unsure what to do, please seek advice from the pharmacist, your GP or the School Nurse.

Class Organisation

In any primary school, including St Catherine's, pupils will not necessarily remain in one class throughout their 7 years. This may be due to a number of factors, including legislation on class sizes at the various stages and the total number of pupils at each stage. Because of fluctuating numbers, it is

often not possible to arrange the classes until close to the end of term. Even then, occasionally the situation may change during the summer holidays. Our hope would be to confirm classes by letter before the end of term.

Class size legislation: P1 – 25 pupils; P2 & P3 – 30 pupils; P4 to P7 – 33 pupils.

Health Week

Our Health Week begins on **Monday 4th June** during this week we have exciting events planned such as our school trip, UNICEF Soccer Aid event and Sports Day. We have also arranged for partners to visit our school including Renfrewshire Young Carers, NSPCC, Trinity High School Community Learning Officer, Active Schools Dance Teacher, Massaging Schools Programme and more! In class we will also be learning about healthy eating, having a growth mindset, participating in outdoor learning and carrying out class surveys to encourage our children to bring in healthy snacks.

During this week pupils should wear their school polo-shirt with comfortable sports clothing (tracksuit bottoms, leggings, shorts.)

Breakfast Club Reminder

Just a reminder of the times of our Breakfast club. Breakfast Club runs from 8:15am – 8.55am. This is a free service available to all pupils. Please note staff running **the breakfast club do not begin until 8.15am** and therefore children should not come to school before then.

School Attendance

St. Catherine's Primary has a very long tradition of good attendance. This is a tradition that we hope to maintain with parental help. Parents are asked to always inform the school by telephone or letter of a child's illness or reason for absence. Good attendance and good timekeeping are both vital if children are to make good steady progress in school. Unless unwell, children should attend school every day arriving at 9am for the start of class. If a child is unwell and unable to attend, parents/carers should contact the school by 9.15am. Parents are asked to ensure that children attend school if they are fit to do so. This is a parent's responsibility under the Children Scotland [1980] Act.

Every month attendance letters are sent to Parents to alert them if their child's attendance is at a level causing concern. Parents are also asked to avoid breaks during term time for family holidays. Non-attendance at school is the main contributor to underachievement in children. Time off for holidays contributes to this and will be marked as an unauthorised absence.

Religious Life of the School

Congratulations to many of our Primary 4 and Primary 7 pupils who recently received the Sacraments of First Communion and Confirmation. Well done to all of our pupils who made our school community very proud. Please remember all of our children in your prayers.

Visits

Chief Executive Sandra Black and Acting Director Steven Quinn recently had a wonderful time visiting our school. They spent time talking to the children about teaching and learning and the children spoke confidently about our school vision, citizenship groups, nurture drop-in, enterprising clubs and so much more. We were delighted to receive excellent feedback in which they described your children as being outstanding, articulate and well behaved and our school as one of the very best educational provisions in Renfrewshire. Well done team St Catherine's!

School Holidays

The school will close on **Wednesday 27th June at 1pm** and will re-open to staff and pupils on **Wednesday 15th August**.

May Assembly Achievement Awards

Congratulations to the following pupils!

Primary 1	Mia Dollard, Kayla Ireland, Ollie Mullaney
Primary 2/1	Ethen Njorge, Aaron Docherty, Kayden Coyle, Brooklyne Murphy
Primary 2	Julia Sobanski, Antonia Vodislav, Tierney McLardie, Catriona Muir Dunbar, Aiden Todd, Mark Lundie
Primary 3	Lilly- Rose McMahan, Taylor McCormick
Primary 4	McKenzie Coyle, Alana Clark, Coco Arquillo, Molly Barr, Morgan Barr, Lena Batkowska, Dylan Cochrane, Ciara McBride, Niamh McGarvey, Josh Sullivan, Brendan Thomson, Maja Wodkowska
Primary 5	Eva McShane, Jessica Parker, Andrew Bisland, Laura Hardie
Primary 6	Amy Turnbull, Ryan Nixon, Eljon Ujupi, David Roy, Hollie Adams, Olivia Kearns, Adam Johnstone,
Primary 7	Russell McCulley, Rosie McKenna, Sophie Kelly, Ren Sillars, Eilish Shannon, Kenzie Rogers
Head Teacher Award	Millie Dawson, Tyler Strathearn, Sophie Sheehan, Kayden Coyle, Antoni Vodislav, Lily – Rose McMahan, Ciara McBride, Connor Hinshelwood, Aaron Jackson, Abbie Scott, Eve Muir, Gabriel Marshall, Brodie Dooner, Rachel Crawford Primary 6 and 7 Track and Field Event: Russell McCulley, Ren Sillars, Chelsie Crawford, Kai Jaconeli-Ford, Eve Muir, Sophie Kelly, Rosie McKenna, Kenzie Rogers, Scott Gillespie, Scott McLintock Sam Evans, Hannah Dillon, Amy Turnbull, Adam Johnstone, Aaron Jackson, Brodie Forrester, Susie Hill, Sean Strathearn, Olivia Kearns Hollie Adams

Dates for your diary

June

4	Health Week
5	Whole School Trip
7	Sports Day (1.30pm)
12/13	P7 Induction Days THS
14/15	P7 Activity Days
18	P7 football tournament THS
19	P7 leavers Mass and Graduation
20	Pupil Council School Talent Show
21	I am me Scotland
22	I am me Scotland
22	P7 Leavers Dance
27	School closes (1pm)

August

15	Pupils return to school
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Recognition of Achievement

Although we encourage our 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. Your child will receive a Head Teacher Award which will be shared at assembly and added to our achievements records.

Please tick ()

Church	Community	General	Language and Arts	Music	Sport
<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

Name _____

Class _____

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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