



St. Catherine's Primary School and Nursery Class

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May 2018 Newsletter

P1 Transition Programme

This has been well underway since January, with the new entrants being invited to school for a variety of activities. This will continue during this term. We have also arranged separate meetings for parents which will be held at 1.30pm-2.30pm on **9.5.18** and **16.5.18**. We are also offering an optional additional stay and play session 11am on **30.5.18**.

P7 Activity Days

We have finalised the numbers and arrangements for the P7 Cluster Activity Days (**14th & 15th June**) which have been organised as part of the transition programme to Trinity High School. The pupils will be participating in outdoor activities at Clyde Muirshiel Country Park and The Experience. If you wish to discuss any matter relating to this event please do not hesitate to contact Mrs Henry who would be happy to offer assistance.

P7 Events

This term is a wonderful term for our Primary 7 pupils as they make another step closer towards secondary school. Please see the diary dates below for the many exciting events coming up for our pupils.

Healthy Eating

Children are encouraged to bring a bottle of water to drink during the day. Please note that no flavoured water or juice is permitted in class. As a health promoting school we also encourage our children to bring a healthy snack for their break time, please remember that we have a healthy tuck on offer each day.

Head Teacher Request

Could I please ask all parents to be mindful when parking and remind everyone **not to park** within the staff car park when dropping off and picking up your children. The car park is not a safe place to drop of your child and is permitted for staff parking only.

Health Week

The week beginning **3rd June** is our annual Health Week with a variety of activities on offer to our pupils focusing on many different aspects of Health and Wellbeing. Pupils will enjoy sessions from Renfrewshire Young Carers, the NSPCC and Police Scotland. During this week we will also enjoy a variety of outdoor activities including outdoor STEM challenges, our whole school trip and sports day. We hope that this is a great week which highlights the importance of our pupils' health and wellbeing.

Heads of Ayr Farm – Summer Trip – 5th June

We are all looking forward to our exciting summer trip to the Head of Ayr Farm Park on **5th June**. All children should arrive promptly for **9.00am** as we will leave immediately after the bell. Please remember to make sure your child is wearing comfortable clothing and shoes, as well as bringing along a waterproof jacket and applying sunscreen before coming to school. It is Scotland after all! Children should bring a snack and packed lunch with them on the day. Children will receive a packed lunch if entitled to a free school meal. Let's start praying for the sun to come out!

Renfrewshire Young Carers

Renfrewshire Young Carers Project has established an exciting new link within Trinity High School, Renfrew. Trinity High School has established a new support group for young carers attending the school. As part of this link, Renfrewshire Carers Centre have been delivering Young Carers Awareness Raising Workshops with all pupils. The next step is now to run awareness raising workshops with the feeder primary schools for Trinity High School. Pupils at St Catherine's Primary will take part in workshops that allow them to explore what being a young carer means and the difficulties and barriers that young carers may face. Some pupils may identify themselves as young carers through this process and if this is the case Renfrewshire Carers Centre can support them within the Young Carers Project.

Renfrewshire Job Fair

Looking for a job or training opportunities or know someone who is? Then make your way to Paisley Town Hall **Thursday 31st May** /The Tannahill Centre **Wednesday 6th June** 9.30am-12.30pm. Experts will be there to help you find training opportunities or to find live job opportunities. Ready to make that step...go for it!

School Holidays

The school will close to pupils on **Thursday 3rd May** and will re-open on **Tuesday 8th May**.

The school will close on **Thursday 24th May** and will re-open on **Tuesday 29th May** and the school will close for the Summer break on **Wednesday 27th June at 1pm**.

April Assembly Achievement Awards

Congratulations to the following pupils!

Primary 1	Dorian Gora, Jack Steel, Stuart Harkness, Rory McKinlay
Primary 2/1	Keeley Clements, Freya Dennet
Primary 2	Karis Shanks, Katie Barr
Primary 3	Michaela Mullen, Caiden Campbell, Jacob Paige, Dylan Nixon
Primary 4	All of primary 4 for excellent behaviour and effort at St Mirin's Cathedral retreat
Primary 5	Cailyn Kelly, Daniela Vaseva
Primary 6	Eljon Ujupi, Azlan Baig, Sean Strathearn, Jasmine Allen
Primary 7	Eilish Shannon, Jack McFarlane, Cara McKenna, Nathan Shanks, Gemma O'Neill
Head Teacher Award	Jack Steel, Freya Ashmead, Catriona Muir Dunbar, Millie Dawson, Dylan Nixon, Adam Johnstone, Josh Sullivan, Lily Elle Zavaroni, Olivia Kearns, Jane Donald, Iona Ashmead, Cailyn Kelly, Freya Dennett, Mckenzie Coyle, Rachel Crawford

Dates for your diary

May

9/16/30	P1 Induction Day Visits
4	Holiday
7	Holiday
10	Ascension Thursday Mass
12	P4 First Holy Communion
16	P7 Sacrament of Confirmation
20	P4 Mass of Thanksgiving
25	Holiday
28	Holiday

June

5	Whole School Trip
7	Sports Day
12/13	P7 Transition days to Trinity High School
14/15	P7 Transition Activity Days
19	P7 Leavers Mass/Graduation 1.30pm
22	P7 Leavers Prom
27	School closes at 1pm for Summer break

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

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

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