



St. Catherine's Nursery Class May 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!
- Wednesday 2nd May - Walking group. Once a month we go out on a walk in to the local community.
- 31st May - Parent Group Meeting at 11am.

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 of the children (morning and afternoon) should arrive at the nursery for **8.45am** and we should hopefully return to the nursery by 2.45pm (traffic permitting). A packed lunch will be provided from the school. 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 nursery. It is Scotland after all!



Graduation – 22nd June



This celebration will take place on the **afternoon of 22nd June** and involve the children who are graduating. We are all looking forward to this exciting event.

The arrangements for graduation day are:-

- All of the children who are graduating (morning and afternoon children) should be dropped off at the nursery at 1.00pm
- Parents/carers should then arrive at the school hall for 2.15pm to watch the performance and graduation
- Then both parents/carers and children are invited to join us in the nursery to cut the graduation cake

To enable us to have the graduation ceremony we kindly ask that the afternoon children, who are not graduating from the nursery, come to the morning session on 22nd June. This is a great help.

Weather

Please ensure that weather appropriate clothing is worn as your child will be involved in outdoor learning every day. As the weather can be warm at this time of year, please make sure that they have a hat and have sunscreen applied before they come to nursery. If it is wet a waterproof jacket and sensible footwear should be worn. Providing your child with a change of shoes to leave in nursery would be very much appreciated.

Sports Day – 8th June

Sports Day will be on **8th June**. The children will be involved in a variety of fun activities. We hope you will be able to join us and help support your children to have some fun, as always there will be the parents' race – so there is still time to get in training. Morning parents/carers are asked to arrive at the school by **11.00am** and afternoon parents/carers to arrive by **2.00pm**. The races will be outside (weather permitting), otherwise they will take place in the school gym hall.

Fun Day – 25th June

In order to celebrate and round off a great year in the nursery we will be having a 'day of fun' on the **25th June** with lots of different activities for the children to enjoy. This will be our fund raising event for this term and the children will be deciding on the charity that the money raised will go too. As always, participation is optional.

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**.

Reporting to Parents

We will be reporting to all parents on **16th and 17th May**. You will be given the opportunity to book an appointment to meet with your child's key worker and discuss their progress within the nursery. Nursery Group sheets for each nursery officer will be put up in the Parents' Area at the entrance for you to sign up for a time slot on one of these days. If you have any concerns about these dates please speak to your child's key worker.

Renfrewshire Council's Policy on Smoking and Dogs

Renfrewshire Council has adopted a **no smoking policy** in all premises and council owned grounds. Dogs are not permitted on school grounds.

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: **11th May; 8th June; 13th July; 10th August 2018**. For more information contact 0141 314 4601.

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.

Learning experiences

Our Busy Bee children have had great fun planting and growing seeds. We have focused on our numeracy skills this month with daily SEAL maths activities helping our children to develop their early arithmetical learning. The children voted and decided that Jack and the Beanstalk was their book of choice and have been busy making plans about all of the things they would like to say, write, make and do!

Our Daisy Room children have been on many outings including a wonderful train and bus journey to Kelvingrove Museum and Art Gallery. With our children not too far away from joining the Busy Bee children transition has been a main focus. Language and communication and early numeracy development continue to be a focus across all areas of the nursery inside and outside!

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

Dates for your diary

May

9/16/30 P1 Induction Day Visits
16/17 Parents Meetings
3 Holiday
7 Holiday
25 Holiday
28 Holiday

June

5 Whole School Trip
8 Sports Day
14 New Starts Open Hour 3pm
22 Graduation
25 Fun Day
27 School closes at 1pm for Summer break

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

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

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