



## St. Catherine's Nursery Class Newsletter

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### August 2018

#### Welcome

I would like to say a very warm welcome to our returning children and to our new children. The children have settled back in to the way of nursery life very well and our new children are a very welcome addition to St Catherine's Nursery. Well done children!

#### All about me

Please complete and return the 'All about me' sheets for your child's profile if you have not done so already. Remember we like to hear about your child's achievements from home too. There is an achievement sheet attached to each months newsletter and photographs, certificates etc. are great to see too!

#### 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. Thank you for your continued support.

#### Notice Board

Please remember to have a look at our notice board daily this will update you with what your children have been involved in each day and any new developments, up and coming events in our rooms.

#### Weather

Please ensure sunscreen is applied to your child prior to attending nursery if required and that weather appropriate clothing is worn as your children will be involved in outdoor learning **every day**. Wellies and jackets are always an essential part of the Scottish wardrobe!

#### Donations

A massive thank you to all the parents and carers who continue to support the nursery with your voluntary donation of £2 per week. This money is used to provide the children with items including regular outings and snack. It is very much appreciated.

#### Absences

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

#### Password

If you are not collecting your child from nursery and it is not someone we know we will ask you to provide a password. The password will change each time this happens.

#### 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.

### **Fund Raising**

There will be four planned fund-raising events over the course of the year to support our nursery funds. The first of which will be a teddy bear picnic on **Friday 14<sup>th</sup> September**. Your child should come to nursery with their favourite teddy and £1 we will have a lovely picnic and some games and story telling outside. This of course as always is optional. We thank you for your continued support.

### **Child's Plans**

To ensure we are 'Getting it Right for Every Child' and in line with Renfrewshire Council Policy a Care Plan is completed for every pupil on entering nursery. You will be asked to meet with our Senior Nursery Officer Teresa Marklow to complete this in the coming weeks. This appointment will take roughly 20-30 minutes.

### **Family Book**

Please send in photographs for our Family Book. This will let us see some of the special people in your child's life. Please write names/relationship on the back of the photograph.

### **Parent Council**

We would like to invite you to join our School Parent Council. This will allow you to be consulted on up and coming events and issues relevant to the life of our school and nursery class. It will allow staff and parents to work in collaboration and get to know each other even better. Our first meeting is planned for **Thursday 23<sup>rd</sup> August at 6.15pm**. I hope to see you there!

### **Bookbug**

Bookbug sessions will be held every Tuesday morning/Thursday afternoon starting the week beginning **28<sup>th</sup> August**. This is a fantastic opportunity for you to share a love of story-telling, song and rhyme with your child and have a great time too.

### **Walking group**

Please keep an eye on our notice board for our next walking group trip due to take place on **Wednesday 19<sup>th</sup> September**. Remember you are welcome to join us in our walk a mile which happens each day, on entry to nursery just say to your child's key worker that you wish to come along!

### **Pupil Targets**

Very soon your child's first target of the year will be displayed on our target wall. Our first target will have a literacy focus. Please take the time to read this as it may be something you can work on at home too! Your child's key worker is always available to discuss this with you. Every child will meet their targets at different times so keep your eyes peeled for their next target!

### **Building Works**

We are delighted that St Catherine's Primary has been selected to receive a brand new roof. This is major building works and as such a plan has been put in place to ensure minimal disruption to our day and the safety of our school community. The children will be lining up and playing in different parts of the playground until work is complete. Please ensure that you read and follow the signs and the suggested pathways and I will keep you updated with the progress of our building works. We respectfully request that you do not park in the staff carpark. During this time, Niree's bench will be temporarily placed inside the school to ensure it is not damaged. It will return to its home when work is complete.

### **Twitter/Website**

We are always looking for new ways to communicate with our Parents/Carers and through consultation with our Parent Council/Have your Say Box we are now on Twitter! We invite you to follow us

**@stcatherinespsy**

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

### **Termly Coffee Morning**

I would like to introduce a termly parent/carer coffee morning. This will be an opportunity for you to not only catch up over a cup of tea or coffee but for myself to inform you of the progress of our school improvement plan priorities and to find out your views throughout the year too. The first coffee morning will take place on **Tuesday 4<sup>th</sup> September at 9.15am**. I hope many of you can come along.

### **Staffing update**

Head Teacher – Mrs Emma Henry

Depute Head Teacher – Ms Marie McLaughlin

Senior Early Learning and Childcare Officer – Mrs Teresa Marklow

Busy Bee Room – Mrs Amanda Brown, Mrs Sharon Donaldson, Ms Nikitta Kernachan, Ms Louise Watson

Daisy Room – Mrs Heather Ferrier, Miss Rebecca Thorburn

Early Years Teacher: Mrs Jenna McKernan

### **Achievements**

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 good new books and achievements records.

As always if you have any questions regarding this letter or indeed any aspect of your child's education please do not hesitate to contact me at the school office.

Yours,

Emma Henry  
Head Teacher

### **Dates for your diary**

#### **August**

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| 15 | Pupils return to school<br>(P1 9.15am - today only) |
| 23 | Parent Council Meeting 6.15pm<br>– all welcome      |

#### **September**

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| 4  | Coffee morning – 9.15am |
| 10 | Maths Week Scotland     |
| 19 | Walking Group           |
| 21 | Holiday                 |
| 24 | Holiday                 |
| 25 | School re-opens         |

## Recognition of Achievement

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Name \_\_\_\_\_

Details of Personal Achievement

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Parent's Signature \_\_\_\_\_

Date \_\_\_\_\_

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***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/>*

*(If you require a copy with larger print please contact the school office)*

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