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October 2018 Newsletter

Meet the Teacher

Thank you to all that attended our Meet the Teacher event. 91% of parents/carers attended this event, if you were unable to attend and would like an opportunity to discuss your child's progress please contact our school office to make an appointment.

Sponsored Bounce

What a fantastic day we had to raise money for our school funds. We can't thank you enough for the £1269.60 we raised. The children will benefit in many ways from this money which will be used to pay for our annual pantomime, buses for trips and it will also subsidise our annual trip to keep the cost down for our parents/carers. Thank you for your continued support.

Tech Lit Café

Please remember to try and come along to our Primary 3 and Primary 4 Tech Lit Café. The Tech Lit Cafe sessions are designed to be a relaxed and fun opportunity for you and your child to have easy and unlimited access to digital technologies. Sessions will encompass the skills to use technology to engage in learning through managing information, communicating and collaborating, problem-solving and being creative, and the appropriate and responsible use of technology. We guarantee you will learn new skills and have fun with your child too! There is an opportunity to get on board the Skoobmobile during the session and drinks and snacks are provided too.

Parent Council

Please come along to our next meeting which is planned for **Thursday 11th October at 6.15pm.**

Twitter

You may have noticed that we are posting more of our updates and information on our new Twitter account. To follow us on Twitter simple join us at @stcatherinespsy.

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: **12th October, 9th November, 14th December.** For more information contact 0141 314 4601.

West College Partnership

We have excellent links with our West College neighbours and many great opportunities will be available to our pupils and families across the school year. This term Primary 6 and 7 are experiencing life in the hospitality trade. This is a fantastic opportunity for our pupils to experience new skills, learn from our partners and have great fun in the process! Parents will be invited to a showcase event at the end of the year. **If you are interested in learning more about the hospitality trade then why not join P6/7 on a Wednesday afternoon as a volunteer.** Contact Mrs Henry if you would like further information. Primary 6 will also be experiencing practical science classes at the college and we look forward to working with the STEM in Sport department in the coming weeks too. Exciting times ahead!

Term 2 Coffee Morning

Our second meeting will take place on **Thursday 29th November at 2.15pm.**

I hope to share with you our progress so far with our school improvement priorities and I would like to gather your views on our use of Social Media. I hope many of you can come along and join me in a chat and a cuppa!

Free Books for Schools

We are collecting tokens from The Scottish Sun in a bid to claim 105 free Collins Big Cat books. Tokens can be collected from The Scottish Sun with additional bonus token days on offer too up until 18th November. Please send tokens in to school with your child or hand them in to our school office. We appreciate your support with this.

Anti-bullying

Thank you to the parents/carers that came along to our parent/carer coffee morning and to our information session at St James' Primary to hear about the work we are doing with regards to anti-bullying. I would like to invite you to a further information session led by the National Society for the Protection of Children based on Online Safety, this will take place on **Tuesday 30th October at 2pm** in the school. More information will follow.

Holiday

The school will close for the October break on Friday 12th October. Monday 22nd is an in-service day for staff therefore the school will re-open to pupils on Tuesday 23rd October. Well done to all of our children for a fantastic first term! The last day of term is also an own clothes day (£1 donation)

September Assembly Achievement Awards

Congratulations to the following pupils!

Primary 1	Jaya Pardasani, Aiden Cummings, Hayden McCormick, Cole Cochrane, Zofia Sala, Josh McKenna
Primary 2	Alexander Gibson, Stuart Harkness, Mylaa McGuinness, Kayla Ireland, Ollie Mullaney, Matthew Daly
Primary 3/2	Ethen Njoroge, Eloise Colquhoun, Brooklyne Murphy, Kayden Coyle, Kacey Orr, Kariss Orr
Primary 3	Lee Morrison, Freya McKenna, Kacie Coyle, Antonia Vodislav
Primary 4	Dylan Nixon, Lucy Kelly, Mirin McAdam, Gabriel Marshall
Primary 5	Josh Jackson, McKenzie Coyle, Freya Ashmead, Coco Arquillo, Mia Shankly
Primary 6	John Kearns, Rachel Crawford, Courtney Carr
Primary 7	David Roy, Ryan Nixon, Olivia Kearns, Amy Turnbull, Charlie Gray, Sean Strathearn, Kieran Connor, Hannah Dillon, Aaron Jackson
Head Teacher Award	Justin McKeown, Ella Hamilton, Jasmine Allen, Brodie Forrester, Charlie Gray, Hollie Adams, Piotr Cieslewicz, Emily Morrison, Lee Morrison, Jaya Pardasani, Xander Malcom, Eva McShane

Dates for your diary

October

1	Citizenship Group Meetings
9	P6 Fresher's Day Trinity High School
10	P7 Fresher's Day Trinity High School
11	Parent Council Meeting
12	School closes for holiday/Own Clothes Day (£1 donation)
22	In Service Day School Closed to pupils
23	School re-opens to pupils
25	Halloween Disco

November

1	Feast of All Souls
5	Citizenship Meetings

- 6 P1 Scottish Book Trust Gifting
- 12 Anti-Bullying Week
- 16 P7 Trinity High School Retreat
- 19 Book Week Scotland
- 20 Class Photographs:P1/P7
Individual and family
photographs:P1-P7
- 25 Catholic Education Sunday Mass
St Mirin's Cathedral
- 27 P4 Sacramental Meeting 7pm
P7 Sacramental Meeting 8pm
- 29 Parent Coffee Afternoon 2.15pm

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/>

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

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