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September 2018 Newsletter

Meet the Teacher

You will shortly receive an appointment time to meet your child's teacher. This meeting is an excellent opportunity for you to discuss your child's needs and interests and for us to talk to you about your child's targets too. We look forward to seeing you on the day!

Building Works

What a credit our children have been to us during this period of building works. We have welcomed talks from our Community Police Officers on staying safe in the community and ENGIE UK will be delivering a safety talk to our children too. We ask that you continue to follow the suggested pathways and pay particular attention to the displayed signs. Please refrain from parking in the staff car park and ensure you are staying within the pathways provided within this area. Many thanks.

Maths Week Scotland

Across Renfrewshire we are taking part in a celebration of all things mathematical during the week beginning 10th September. Throughout this week your children will be involved in daily maths activities and games in school and within the local community. Our Parent/Carer Mental Maths workshops led by our P7 pupils will be on offer to you too. We will display daily updates of our maths activities on Twitter!

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

Sleep Scotland

If you are a parent/carer of a child or young person age 18 months to 18 years who has sleep problems, you can call Sleep Support Scotland Freephone 0800 138 6565 for advice and support.

Active Schools Programme (extra-curricular activities)

Our Active Schools Co-ordinator, Mr Dougie Armour, has distributed this terms P4-P7 active school programme. Please complete and return to secure your child's space. This programme will now begin week beginning **10th September**.

This term Primary 3 will have access to a free lunchtime Play Club also run by Active Schools. Primary 1 and 2 will have this opportunity later on in the school year.

Drama Club

David our fabulous drama teacher delivered taster sessions to all classes last week. If you would like your child to attend, please return the consent form to secure their space.

Chess Club

Mrs Burns runs a Chess Club on a Monday lunchtime this is free of charge.

Games and Crafts Club

Mrs Burns runs a Games and Crafts Club on a Monday lunchtime this is free of charge.

Homework Club

Mr Breslin and Miss Piggot run a Homework Club on a Wednesday Lunchtime.

Internet/Online Safety

As we launch our Cluster Anti-Bullying policy we invite you to attend an information session with Jane Scott from Respect Me Scotland regarding online internet safety/cyberbullying. This will be held at St James Primary in Renfrew on Tuesday 25th September at 6pm. Further information to follow.

Mass

Thank you to the families that joined us in our Diocesan and Cluster Masses to welcome the icon 'Jesus the Teacher'. It was wonderful to see so many of you there supporting our school and a very big well done to the children that participated in the Mass.

Sacrament Dates

In order to give you as much notice as possible I would like to share the following dates with you for your diary.

- P4/P7 Sacrament Parent/Carer Meetings: 27th November 2018
- P4/P7 Mass Of Commitment: 9th December 2018
- P4 First Holy Communion: 11th May 2019
- P7 Sacrament of Confirmation: 15th May 2019
- P4/P7 Mass Of Thanksgiving: 19th May 2019

Further information will follow nearer these dates.

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.

Termly Coffee Morning

Our first meeting will take place on **Tuesday 4th September at 9.15am**. I hope to share with you our school priorities and consult with you on our new Cluster Anti-Bullying Policy. I hope many of you can come along and join me in a chat and some tea and toast!

August Assembly Achievement Awards

Congratulations to the following pupils!

Primary 1	Codie Carr, Piotr Cieslewic, Isla Colquhoun, Karly Curivan
Primary 2	Lyle Amjadi, Mia Dollard, Tyler Strathearn
Primary 3/2	Brooklyne Murphy
Primary 3	Reegan Dick, Mirryn McCallion, Clark Williams
Primary 4	Gabriel Marshall, Ava Mitchell, Taylor McCormick, Jacob Paige
Primary 5	Jackson Craig, Chara Dapaah, Josh Jackson
Primary 6	Courtney Carr, Josh Docherty,
Primary 7	Olivia Kearns, Amy Turnbull
Head Teacher Award	Josh Sullivan, Ellie Sullivan, Olivia Kearns, John Kearns, Charlie Gray, Adam Johnstone, Ryan Martin, Chara Dapaah, Brodie Dooner, Rachel Crawford, Chloe O'Donnell, Cailyn Kelly, Cuong Nguyen,

Dates for your diary

September

3	Citizenship Group Meetings
4	Coffee Morning 9.15am – all welcome
10	Maths Week Scotland
20	Sponsor Bounce
21	Holiday
24	Holiday
25	School re-opens

October School closes for holiday
12 In Service Day School Closed to
22 pupils
23 School re-opens to pupils
25 Halloween Disco

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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