



## St. Catherine's Early Learning and Childcare Class Newsletter

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### November 2018

#### Car park

Please ensure that you use the railed pathway around the side of the building when coming to nursery and do not cut through the car park. This is for your child's safety.

#### Fund Raising

This term's fund raising event is a pyjama day (as chosen by our children) and will take place on **Friday 7<sup>th</sup> December**. The cost of this is £1 per child and it will go towards our nursery funds. This is always voluntary, thank you as always for your continued support.

#### Learning Experiences

Our Busy Bee's have been problem solving outdoors, making dens and building with pallets. We have been learning about floating and sinking using sand and water and using magnets to learn about forces. We have enjoyed learning about artists and looking at their work. We have been practising our writing in our new Post Office and have enjoyed retelling our book of the month 'The Billy Goats Gruff' through story boards. Our Daisy Room have been learning about sharing with their friends. They have been talking about autumn outdoors collecting leaves and chestnuts to explore with. We have been developing language skills across all areas of the playroom with opportunities to complete short tasks and activities. We have been on local area walks and trips. All children enjoyed their Halloween party and have had opportunities to bake and make their own snacks, great fun!

#### Open Day

This term's Open Day will be on **Friday 23<sup>rd</sup> November 2018**. This is a fantastic opportunity for you to see what your child has been learning and for them to talk to you about their work. More information will go up on to our Parent Notice Board in the coming weeks.

#### Bookbug

We would like to invite you to Bookbug with a twist! This term Bookbug we are going to send you a personal invitation to join your child for our winter, Christmas themed Bookbug sessions. If you attend four sessions you will get a certificate from your child (and maybe a Christmas prize!)

#### Walking group

Our next walk will be to check out the fantastic new facilities at Robertson Park in Renfrew and is planned for **Wednesday 28<sup>th</sup> November**. We will be leaving straight after the morning and afternoon session begin. Please stay behind on entry and join us!

#### Christmas Party

Your children can come to nursery in their Christmas Party clothes on **Thursday 20<sup>th</sup> December 2018**. Children will enjoy party games and treats and I believe a special visitor will visit the nursery too!

### **Christmas Show**

This year our children will perform a variety of Christmas songs 'old and new' for your enjoyment on **Friday 14<sup>th</sup> December 2018 at 11.15am/2.15pm**. All families will receive two tickets free of charge. Additional tickets can be purchased for £2. Tickets will be distributed and go on sale week beginning **4<sup>th</sup> December**.

### **Transition**

As part of our transition programme, our pre-school children will be making regular visits to Primary 1. This will allow for a seamless transition and for your children to develop in confidence, and to be secure and happy in their new surroundings. The programme starts this term with our Early Intervention officer Ms Piggott coming in to the nursery to work with the staff and children. In Term 3 the children will go in to Primary One for weekly 'Reading Buddy' visits.

### **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: **9<sup>th</sup> November, 14<sup>th</sup> December**. For more information contact 0141 314 4601.

### **School Holiday**

St Andrew's Day, **Friday 30<sup>th</sup> November**, is a school holiday. School will re-open on **Monday 3<sup>rd</sup> December**. The school will close on **Friday 21<sup>st</sup> December at 2.30pm** and will reopen to staff and parents on **Monday 7<sup>th</sup> January 2019**.

### **Dates for your Diary!**

#### **November**

- 19 Book Week Scotland
- 23 Open Day
- 28 Walking Group – Robertson Park
- 30 St Andrew's Day Holiday

#### **December**

- 7 Pyjama Day
- 14 Christmas Show
- 20 Christmas Party
- 21 School closes for Christmas break 2.30pm

## 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

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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***

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

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