



St. Catherine's Early Learning and Childcare Class Newsletter

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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!

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 resources, outings and snacks.

Collection

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. Please make sure you inform staff of who is picking up your child from nursery even if it is a parent we know and ensure your contact details are kept up to date. Many thanks. Please remember if your child enters nursery at 8.30am the collection time is 11.40am.

Change of Clothes

Please remember that children are out and about in all weathers so please ensure children come to nursery dressed for this. We would appreciate a change of clothes and shoes for your child too.

Fund Raising

Our children thoroughly enjoyed our teddy bear picnic. We raised £10 for our nursery fund. Thank you for your continued support.

Bookbug

Bookbug sessions will continue every Tuesday morning/Thursday afternoon 9am/1pm. Please try to come along! Sessions are only 15 minutes and the children thoroughly enjoy spending this time with their parents/carers.

Walking group

Our next walk is to Barshaw Park and is planned for:

- **Wednesday 3rd October** am/pm parents/carers

Please join your child if you can!

Daisy Room and Busy Bee Room Open Day

Thank you to all who attended our open day. It was great to see so many of our parents/carers taking the time to find out more about your child's learning journey. If you did not attend and would like the opportunity to see your child's profile please speak to your key worker.

Questionnaires

If you have not yet completed our questionnaire, please return it at a suitable time. It is very important to us that we continue to improve our service and meet the needs of our families.

Learning Experiences

Our Busy Bees have been learning the French vocabulary for food and numbers. Our book of the month 'Animal Boogies' has created fantastic experiences through our discovery and outdoor play such as creating animal foot prints and role play. We participated in fun counting activities during Maths Weeks Scotland. We took advantage of the windy weather to make parachutes.

Our Daisy Room are settling in to their new routine beautifully. They have been developing fine motor skills through finger painting, threading and jigsaws. They have been out and about on local area walks using buses and trains.

Halloween

All children will enjoy a Halloween party in nursery during the morning/afternoon of Wednesday 31st October. Pupils may wear their costumes to nursery.

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.

Dates for your diary

October

12	School closes
22	In-service Day Staff Only
23	School opens
31	Halloween Parties

November

19	Book Week Scotland
22	Term 2 Open Day
30	Holiday

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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