



St. Catherine's Early Learning and Childcare Class Newsletter

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Notice Board/Website

Please remember to have a look at our notice board, Twitter feed and website as this will update you with what your children have been involved in each day and any new developments in our rooms.

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 snack. This month our children have visited local shops to buy resources for our rooms, have been on local bus trips and have been baking and decorating cakes.

Indoor shoes

Please provide your child with soft indoor shoes, bags are kept on coat pegs for you to store them easily.

Family photographs

Thank you for all of your lovely family photographs. If you have not provided us with one as yet we would love to have one for each of our families. Thank you.

Fund Raising

Our teddy bear picnic will be on **Friday 14th September**. Your child should come to nursery with their favourite teddy and £1 we will have a lovely picnic and some games outside. This of course as always is optional. We thank you for your continued support.

Maths Week Scotland

Across Renfrewshire we are taking part in a celebration of all things mathematical during the week beginning 10th September. During this week your children will be involved in daily maths activities and games. We will display daily updates on Twitter.

Bookbug

Bookbug sessions will continue every Tuesday morning/Thursday afternoon 9am/1pm. Please try to come along! We would love to see even more of our Parents/Carers attending!

Walking group

Our first walk of the year is planned for Wednesday 19th September and we will be going to Barshaw Park. Further information will be displayed on our notice board.

Information Session

I would like to invite you to attend an information session on **Tuesday 11th September** at **2pm**. This is an opportunity for Parents/Carers old and new to gain a better understanding of life in St Catherine's Early Learning and Childcare Class. We will provide you with information about our nursery aims,

staffing, our improvement priorities, the curriculum and much more. Tea and Coffee will be available. Your views are very important to us and I hope to see many of you there.

Daisy Room and Busy Bee Room Open Day

Please remember to join us on **Thursday 20th September** to have a look at your child's special record of work and our floor books. This is a time for you to sit with your child and have a look at the journey of their learning so far. Our nursery staff will be available to answer any questions you might have. We look forward to seeing you then. See our notice board for further updates.

Learning Experiences

This term your children have been involved in creating their own learning pathways through the use of talking tubs and mind maps. We ensure that our children are motivated to learn through gearing our learning experiences to each child's individual interests and needs. We record this journey in our floor books which you are welcome to browse through at any time.

The Busy Bee's have made their home corner into a shop and have been using coins to buy items, learning about counting and making signs for their shop. They have made pizzas for snack learning to weigh and measure ingredients to make the dough.

The Daisy Room have been settling in beautifully and the children's interests and ideas are being used to plan exciting experiences.

We have all had great fun outdoors playing listening games, exploring with numbers, role playing and making musical instruments.

Building Works

Please remember to follow the signs and suggested pathways paying particular attention to the car park area. Please refrain from parking in the staff car park.

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.

Dates for your diary

September

4	Coffee morning – 9.15am
10	Maths Week Scotland
11	Information Session
19	Walking Group
20	Nursery Open Day
21	Holiday
24	Holiday
25	School re-opens

October

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

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

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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