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## St. Catherine's Primary School

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### Term 3 Newsletter

#### Restrictions

Unfortunately, there are still no changes to current restrictions in place for schools so at present parent/carers are still unable to access the school building and children will remain in their class bubbles. I will keep you posted as to any further changes to this.

#### Reporting

In March you will receive your child's annual report from their class teacher. As agreed, you may request a follow up phone call if there are aspects of the report that you wish to discuss further. A link to a form will be sent out on the same day as the report to allow you to feedback to us and request a call, if required.

#### Inclement Weather

Please be aware that during the winter months, pavements around the school may be slippery. The playground areas could also be icy. Everyone is asked to take extra care and use the safest routes and those which have been gritted. The council policy is that only main walking routes/pathways in and out of the building will be treated with grit. A very big thank you to Mr O'Neill and Mr Carden for doing more than required to keep our families safe. Mrs Henry is very grateful to have the best janitors in Paisley!

#### Attendance & Punctuality

In line with national and local policy it is important that parent/carers contact the school with regard to a child's absence. Parents are requested to telephone the school office between 8.30am and 9.15am at the latest on the first morning of each absence. If no notification is received it is treated as an 'Unauthorised Absence' and a text message will be sent to the main parental contact. A follow up phone call would take place should we still not hear from you and if there is a period of time with no contact, a home visit would take place. Thank you for your continued support to ensure we keep our children safe.

#### Bicycle Shed

Bicycle sheds and scooter rack are still in use and we would continue to encourage our children to actively travel to school. Please note that bikes left in the bike shed are not the responsibility of the school. They are left at your discretion and we would advise that bike chains are used.

#### Car Park

We are committed to keeping our children safe and remind you that current guidelines state that the car park is for staff only. A reminder that car parking arrangements continue with restriction times being 8.30am – 9.15am/2.30-3.15pm. Parking is available on the main road.

Please ensure that you are using the crossings when entering school and that your child/children do not run about in the car park area.

#### Sacraments

Please see dates below which are subject to change.

First Confession **16<sup>th</sup> March at 6.30pm** in St Mirin's Cathedral

First Holy Communion **14<sup>th</sup> May at 10am** in St Mirin's Cathedral

Confirmation **24<sup>th</sup> May at 6.30pm** in St Mirin's Cathedral

### **Head of Schools Visit**

We are delighted to welcome Renfrewshire Council's new Head of Schools to St Catherine's on **Thursday 17<sup>th</sup> February**. Tracy Stewart will visit our school to see the fantastic work that is going on and meet with our children and staff.

### **Scottish National Standardised Assessments**

At this time of year children in Primary 1, 4 and 7 will complete the Scottish National Standardised Assessments. Children will complete these assessments individually or in small groups with Ms McLaughlin, Mrs Henry or Mrs Millar over the coming weeks. Please contact me if you would like further information regarding this.

### **Twitter/Website**

Keeping you informed of changes quickly and efficiently is something we pride ourselves on and as such we invite you to follow us @stcatherinespsy if you have not done so already. This alongside our school website, in particular our 'Whole School News' section will provide you with up and coming events and necessary information. You will also find copies of our monthly newsletters, school handbook, school improvement plan and other useful information. We will continue to use our text messaging service also to keep you up to date.

### **Healthy Eating**

Children are encouraged to bring a bottle of water to drink during the day. Please note that no flavoured water or juice is permitted in class. As a health promoting school, we also encourage our children to bring a healthy snack for their break time.

### **School Uniform**

The children continue to look very smart in their school uniform. We don't want them to lose any items of uniform, therefore, **please ensure your child's name is clearly marked on all items** so these can be returned and don't end up in lost property!

### **Advice Works**

Please see the attached linked to Renfrewshire Council Advice Works for support with money and debt and benefit claims.

<https://www.renfrewshire.gov.uk/AdviceWorks>.

### **Free school meals and Clothing Grant**

To check eligibility and apply for free school meals and/or clothing grant, please visit Renfrewshire Council website. <https://www.renfrewshire.gov.uk/article/3338/Free-school-meals-andclothing-grants>

### **Physical Education**

A reminder that children should wear polo-shirts on PE days and wear/bring shorts/leggings and a change of shoes. Children should always come with a jacket appropriate for outdoors. Jewellery is not permitted, and earrings should be removed or taped before coming to school. No football clothing is permitted in school.

### **School Holidays**

The school will close on **Monday 14<sup>th</sup> February** and will re-open on **Thursday 17<sup>th</sup> February**. The school will close on **Monday 4<sup>th</sup> April** and will re-open on **Tuesday 19<sup>th</sup> April**.

## 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 and returning the information below.

Your child will receive a Head Teacher Award which will be shared at assembly and added to our achievements' records.

**Child's name:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Class:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Details of Personal Achievement:**

**Parent/Carer 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.*

*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) You are welcome to provide feedback on any items contained in our newsletter. Please do not hesitate to contact the school if there is ever anything you wish to discuss.*

*Mrs Henry*