



St. Catherine's Primary School and Early Learning and Childcare Class

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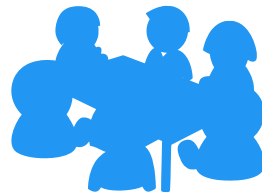
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Term 4 - 2024 - Newsletter

Dear Parents/Carers

I hope you and your families all enjoyed some quality time over the Easter break and hopefully the Easter Bunny was good to you all! The children have settled happily back into school life and obviously had a wonderful time over the break. As a staff we are all looking forward to continuing to work with you and your children in this last term and fingers crossed we enjoy some lovely sunshine.



Parent Council

We are very lucky to have such a wonderful Parent Council who have organised some amazing events. The next meeting will be on **Thursday, 16th May at 10.30am** within the school and new members would be very welcome.

This year the Parent Council have already ran a popular Halloween and Spring Disco and a very successful Christmas Fayre. The Parent Council Fund now contains £1,419.07 – what a superb achievement. They are presently planning a free, fun summer fayre event for all of our children, as well as a Confirmation Breakfast and a Holy Communion Breakfast to celebrate the children making these sacraments and some treats for our P7 leavers. A huge thank you and well done.



Donations to the Parent Council

If you have any unwanted non-perishable gifts our Parent Council would welcome these for future events, such as our Christmas Fayre. Please hand into the office. We also run a popular uniform recycling shop that has been very successful, with many families accessing these quality items of clothing. We welcome any items of uniform that are in good repair, as well as Christmas jumpers, which could be used by another child. Please hand in any items to the school office. Thank you for all your past donations they have been put to excellent use.



ELCC/Primary 1 Transition Programme

Since January we have been welcoming St Catherine's ELCC children into Primary 1 for our transition programme. The children have been involved in weekly sessions that allow them to become familiar with the Primary 1 environment and this helps to ease their transition from ELCC to school.

There will be two transition sessions for all parents and carers and our new starts. This first will be on 21st May at 2pm and will focus on providing information about the school and the school staff. The second, on 28th May at 10.45am will involve a tasting session within the canteen and getting to meet your child's Buddy for next year.



P7 Leavers' event

We have made plans with our P7 children on **Tuesday 18th June 2024 from 3.00pm-5.00pm**. The children have decided on their leavers' event and 100% of children voted for a fun outdoor event. We have arranged the following, an outdoor Escape Room Challenge, McDonalds in school, followed by Bush Craft in the Secret Garden with music. The children will toast marshmallows, make popcorn and smores on the fire supported by Morgan and our fully trained OneRen Schools' colleagues. Children should come dressed for the outdoors. There will be no cost for our families, this will be fully funded by the school. The children's leavers hoodies, funded by the Parent Council have already been gifted to the P7s to wear throughout this term. A big thank you to our Parent Council for these lovely presents.



P7 Transition

Primary 7 are invited to Trinity High School for transition activities on the following dates:-

Thursday, 30th and Friday 31st May – Activity Days

Thursday 6th and Friday 7th June – Induction Days



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**. Parking is available on the main road, please be mindful not to block driveways as we like to enjoy good relationships with our neighbours.



School Uniform

The children look very smart, and 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! 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-and-clothing-grants>

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>.

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DATES FOR YOUR DIARY FOR TERM 4

APRIL

25th Confirmation – 6pm St Mirin's Cathedral
26th Parent Council Confirmation breakfast P7 – 9.15am

MAY

2nd In-service Day - School closed
6th Holiday
13th to 17th All week - Health Week – details to follow.
16th Sports Afternoon – details to follow.
17th Parental Engagement - Open Session – 2pm
18th First Holy Communion – 10am St Mirin's Cathedral
20th Parent Council 1st Holy Communion Breakfast – 9.15am
21st ELCC/ P1 Transition - Parents' information session, tour of school – 2pm – 3pm
24th Holiday
27th Holiday
28th ELCC/P1 Transition - Canteen, food tasting and meeting buddies – 10.45am – 11.15am
30/31 P7/S1 Transition Activity Days

JUNE

6/7 P7/S1 Transition Induction Days
18th Leavers' Mass followed by Parent Council celebration with cake/snacks.
18th Leavers' Celebration – 3pm to 5pm
20th Summer Fayre and non-uniform day – children only
27th Last Day



Trip – Finlayson Country Park – 14th May 2024

The whole school will be taking part in the school trip to Finlayson Country Park in Inverclyde. All of the children should wear a school polo shirt, and leggings or jogging trousers. We will be leaving sharp at 9am and the children can bring a packed lunch or provide with one from the school canteen.

Place2Be

Our new Place2Be Counsellor Anastasia has been a great addition to our team and all of the children enjoy engaging with her.



Contacting the school

Information can be passed to the school office by telephone (0300 300 0180) or via the school email address stcatherinesenquiries@renfrewshire.gov.uk. Should you need to speak to a senior member of the staff team this can be done by arrangement. Please contact the school office by telephone (0300 300 0180) to arrange a suitable time for this to be scheduled.

Reporting to Parents

We will continue to provide you with an update on your child through our monthly reports and we will be having, as part of our health week, an open session on Friday, 17th May from 2.00 to 3.00pm, when you can visit your child/ren in their classes and celebrate their learning journeys from this very successful year. Further information will follow. Should you have any concerns in the meantime please contact the school and we can arrange to call you back or meet to discuss any issues you may have.

X formally known as 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](https://twitter.com/stcatherinespsy) if you have not done so already. This alongside our school website, will provide you with up-and-coming events and necessary information. You will also find copies of our newsletters, school handbook, school improvement plan and other useful information. We will continue to use our email messaging service also to keep you up to date.



Attendance & Punctuality

It is important that parents 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. However, parents are respectfully requested to adhere strictly to the school policy.

Drop off/Pick up.

Drop off and pick up times can be very busy. If possible, our older children can enter/be collected at the school gate or at the end of the lane. Thank you for your support.

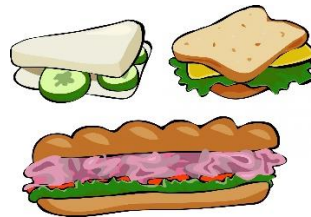


Bicycle Shed

Bicycle sheds and scooter rack have to be replaced but are still in use, and we would continue to encourage our children to actively travel to school. Please note that bikes, scooters and prams 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.

Data check and other forms

It is of the utmost importance that we have correct contact details for every child. Therefore, if there are any changes after these forms are submitted, for example a change in telephone number, emergency contacts or email address, please let the school know in writing so that these details can be updated.



School Lunches

Renfrewshire Council has now updated the school lunches, more information is available on Council website - <https://www.renfrewshire.gov.uk/schoolmeals-primary> so that you can help your child to choose the option they like best or alternatively you can find the menu on the Renfrewshire Council website. If your child has a dietary need, please contact Renfrewshire Council on 0300 300 0300 or email softfm@renfrewshire.gov.uk to discuss, so that your child's can have a specific menu dependent on their needs. Our free Breakfast Club runs from 8.15am every morning. Doors open at 8.15am and children can enter up until 8.30am. All welcome.

Achievements

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 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 achievement records.

As always if you have any questions regarding this letter or indeed any aspect of your child's education, please do not hesitate to contact me at the school office. I look forward to the term ahead.

Kind regards,
Marie McLaughlin

Recognition of Achievement



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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.
Ms Marie McLaughlin, 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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