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Term 3 Newsletter 2021

Government Announcement

As you will be aware, the Scottish Government has announced that children in Primary 4-7 will return to school from **Monday 15th March 2021**. It is wonderful to hear that all of our children are all returning, and we look forward to our school feeling like a real community again filled with little people keen to learn and happy to be together again. While it is difficult to maintain our usual means of communication, I think we are doing well to be able to stay in touch and I would like to offer my sincere gratitude to you for your ongoing patience and support.

Drop off/Collection

Primary 1-7 should enter/exit via their usual fire doors. Entry will be from 8.45am-9.00am and collection is from the same door at 3.00pm. Parents/carers must not gather in the playground, must adhere to social distancing and, unless exempt, must wear a face mask. Please do not park in the car park.

Breakfast Club

We intend to reintroduce our Breakfast Club from **Monday 15th March 2021 from 8.15am** each morning, please note that Mrs McLaughlin **does not begin until this time**. The children will remain at tables in their current class groupings, they will be served breakfast at their table and will go out in their class groups for games with Sean on a rotational basis. Mrs McLaughlin will welcome the children into the school from the main entrance, please adhere to social distancing guidelines and wear masks. No parent/carers are permitted into the building at this time so please **do not come early**. If you would like your child to attend and have not previously registered, please contact the school and we will get a form to you.

School Uniform

It is important that our children are prepared for the Scottish weather as we will be going outdoors when the weather permits.

- Our relaxed uniform continues to be the preferred option (school polo shirt, black/blue sweatshirt/hoody and black/blue leggings, joggers or comfortable trousers).
- Children should be dressed for the weather and **ensure that their jackets and footwear are appropriate for outdoor learning**.
- Where a child is unable to tie their shoelaces, we request that Velcro fastening footwear is worn to avoid unnecessary close contact with staff during the school day.
- A change of shoes should be brought into school each day – soft shoes, plimsols or trainers.

Making contact

Regrettably no visitors can be received into the school building at present unless there are exceptional circumstances. Information can be passed to the school office by telephone (0300 300 0180) or emailed to stcatherinesenquiries@renfrewshire.gov.uk

Should you need to speak to a senior member of staff team this can be done by arrangement using telephone or video call. Please contact the school office by telephone (0300 300 0180) to arrange a suitable time for this to be scheduled.

Homework

Homework will continue to be accessed on GLOW. Homework will be published on a Monday and should be completed and handed in by the Friday. Your child's GLOW username and password can be found in their homework diary. Using this platform will also ensure that all children are accessing GLOW in the event of going back to remote learning in the future. Please contact Mrs Henry if you have issues with accessing GLOW and we will help you to address these as best as we can.

Provisional Sacrament Dates

First Reconciliation will take place within the school at a date and time to be confirmed and it will not be possible for parents to attend.

First Holy Communion will be within St Mirin's Cathedral on **Saturday, 5th June 2021**, with two Masses, one at 10.00am the other at 11.30am. Further guidance regarding restrictions on how many people can attend will be sent to you nearer the time, as well as notification of what Mass your child should attend.

Confirmation Mass will take place at 7.00pm within St Mirin's Cathedral during the week beginning **7th June 2021**. Further guidance regarding restrictions on how many people can attend will be sent to you nearer the time.

All of the above dates and times are provisional and dependent upon following the Government's Covid19 Guidelines.

Reporting to parents

As agreed during our consultation on reporting to parents our annual pupil reports will be distributed the week beginning **29th March 2021**. Reports will focus on Literacy, Numeracy, Health and Wellbeing and engagement with online learning/in the hub. Follow up calls from staff will be available on request.

Provision of snacks/lunches

Unfortunately, we are unable to provide our healthy tuck shop at the moment. We would encourage you to provide your child with a suitable snack for playtime (fruit, cereal bar, light crisps) and a bottle filled with water which can be taken to class and used during learning time as well as school break. Our water coolers are in working order and pupils can refill their bottles at particular times of the day. Lunches will continue as per previous arrangements with sandwiches and a hot meal option.

Citizenship Groups

Every pupil is provided with the opportunity to develop the school identity through involvement in school Citizenship Groups this not only allows them to grow and develop but also to have a positive impact on school improvements. We are continuing with as many of the aspects of school life as we can therefore Citizenship Groups have continued in each child's class as follows:

- Primary 1 – Library Group
- Primary 2 – Pride in the Community Group
- Primary 3 – Digital Champions
- Primary 4 –Fairtrade Group
- Primary 5/4 – STEM Group
- Primary 5 – ECO Group
- Primary 6 – Junior Road Safety Officers
- Primary 7 – Charity Champions

During lockdown we had amazing work and assemblies from our ECO group, Fairtrade Group and Gardening Group. Well done!

A special well done to Miss Calvert and our ECO group for renewing our ECO flag. This is not an easy thing to do and we are delighted to keep our title of ECO school.

Bicycle Shed

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. Children should not bring a bicycle to school if they do not have a helmet.

Food Bags

Food bags will continue to be available from the school office in the weeks up until the spring break. Simply get in touch or come to the school office hatch to collect one.

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 from Mrs Henry. Slips can be emailed directly to Mrs Henry or sent in with your child.

Social Media

I will continue to keep in touch with you all via Twitter **@stcatherinespsy** and text messaging but please also check Renfrewshire Council's website/Facebook/Twitter for regular updates.

We realise that this continues to be a challenging situation and we are here to offer advice and support. Please contact me directly by email emma.henry@renfrewshire.school or by phone 0300 300 0180 for any other general guidance you may require.

We thank you for your support, as always.

Emma Henry
Head Teacher

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 the tear off slip below. Your child will receive a Head Teacher Award which will be shared at assembly and added to our achievements records.

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.

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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