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March 2020 Newsletter

Free School Meals/Clothing Grant

All children in Primary 1 to 3 across Renfrewshire have the option of receiving a free school meal every day. This is very beneficial to families and you are encouraged to send your child for a school lunch each day. Families of any child in Primaries 4 to 7 who feel they would be entitled to a free meal due to personal circumstances should not hesitate to make application to the Council (forms are available from the school office on request). Clothing Grant application forms are also available.

Education Scotland

Last week Education Scotland published a 'school inspections findings' briefing, this is the first in the series of briefings that will be published based on ES inspection findings for session 2018-19. It provides summary findings for each of the quality indicators which are evaluated as part of inspections of schools. Links to examples of highly effective practice are also provided in the form of sketchnotes and accompanying blogs. We are delighted that the work of St. Catherine's Skills for Life, Learning and Work have been recognised and included in this document. Well done team St Catherine's yet again!

Primary 7 Enterprise Initiatives (extra-curricular activities)

Well done to our enterprising Primary 7 pupils who have trained, planned, budgeted and coordinated the following clubs for our children, the cost of which is 50p per session on a Friday.

2.0 Nail Bar The Direct Sports Group Tech B I Club

Fairtrade

Thank you to Mr Donaghy and his Fairtrade Citizenship Group for organising our annual Fairtrade fund raising event. This year the group planned an awareness raising Pancake Tuesday Tuck Shop. Children had the opportunity to purchase a pancake with Fairtrade jam on Pancake Tuesday. A successful event that promoted thinking about Fairtrade products, thank you all.

Parents' Evening – Thursday 19th March

You have now received a letter to select your preferred time to meet your child's teacher and an appointment time will be with you soon. Please note that Ms McLaughlin and I are also available on the day. The Book Fayre will be available to you with a selection of books on sale at varying costs. I would also ask that you to take the time to visit our consultation station and help us to ensure your views are heard in relation to our School Improvement Plan and Pupil Equity Fund spending.

World Book Day

We will enjoy World Book Day (6th March) in school by celebrating our love of books in class in a variety of exciting ways. Our Library Committee Citizenship Group have an exciting competition planned for our children to do on this day. We will not be asking the children to dress up but to simply come along ready to enjoy their favourite stories.

STEM Week

Our annual STEM activities will be taking place during the week of **23rd March**. We have consulted with our children and they have asked that this year we have a STEM week not just a day, they have requested STEM challenges outdoors and that our parents come in again this year to talk about their

careers. Thank you to Mrs Campbell and Ms McLaughlin who have put all the children's ideas together to timetable a variety of exciting experiences across the course of the week.

Staffing update

We are delighted that our very own Miss Nicola Hunter has been appointed as Depute of St Catherine's Early Learning and Childcare Class and Mrs Sharon Hunter as Senior Early Learning and Childcare Officer. We are delighted that this will provide us with quality and consistency as we move towards implementation of 1140.

Samba

Our Primary 7 children are currently involved in Renfrewshire's Samba Transitions project. This will be the third year we will be running the project which involves 8 weeks delivery with selected primary schools within the Trinity Cluster, followed by 2 weeks at Trinity High School with S3 pupils. The children (and Mr McKay) are thoroughly enjoying this fantastic experience.

Skoobmobile

Our Skoobmobile partners are delivering sessions across the school in the coming weeks including, book borrowing and story telling sessions, topic related researching and homework support and transition to high school support. We are looking forward to interactive technology session using VR goggles and Hop on Homework.

NSPCC

We are delighted that the NSPCC will deliver their Speak Out Stay Safe Assembly on **Tuesday 31st March**. This is a fantastic session that always reminds our children of how to stay safe and who they can speak to.

P6 Mary Queen of Scots Play

Primary 6 will be performing their Mary Queen of Scots Play to their parents/carers on **Friday 20th March at 2.15pm**. More information to follow.

Families First – Income Advisor

We are delighted that Penny our Income Advisor Penny will be back in St Catherine's Primary from 9am every Tuesday morning for drop in sessions, no appointments necessary. Penny will support any issues you may have, budgeting, benefits, bills...

Own Clothes Day

We will have a chuck it in a bucket own clothes day on **Thursday 2nd April**.

Sacrament Dates

In order to give you us much notice as possible I would like to share the following dates with you for your diary.

- P4 Sacrament of Reconciliation: **18th March 2020 at 7pm in St Mirin's Cathedral**
- P4 First Holy Communion: **16th May 2020 at 10am in St Mirin's Cathedral**
- P7 Sacrament of Confirmation: **29th April 2020 at 7pm in St Mirin's Cathedral**
- P4/P7 Mass Of Thanksgiving: **19th May 2019 at 10am in St Catherine's Primary**

Further information will follow nearer these dates.

School Holidays

The school will close on **Thursday 2rd April at 2.30pm** and will re-open to staff and pupils on **Monday 20th April**.

March Assembly Achievement Awards

Congratulations to the following pupils!

Primary 1	Callum Hinshelwood, Ailissa Murphy
Primary 2	Hayden McCormick, Edward Sobanski, Ella Hamilton
Primary 3	Ollie Houston, Millie Michie, Ben Parnis-Scott
Primary 4/3	Alessandro Degboe, Alistair Greer, Emily Derrick, Kai Semple
Primary 4	Nataka Glabska, Karis Shanks, Julia Sobanski, Joshua Dapaah
Primary 5	Gabriel Marshall, Kieran Givens, Antoni Marciniak, Ailey Gillespie, Ava-Luise Reid, Dylan

	Nixon
Primary 6	Josh Sullivan, Jackson Craig, Mia Shankly
Primary 7	Josh Docherty, Leanna McCarthy, Hailey O'Donnell, James Brown

Dates for your diary

March

- 2 Citizenship Groups
- 18 P4 Sacrament of Reconciliation at 7pm
- 19 Parent Evening
- 20 P6 Mary Queen of Scots Play
- 23 STEM Week

April

- 3 School closed to staff and pupils
- 20 School opens to staff and pupils

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.

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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