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February 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.

School Parking Exclusion Zones

A consultation event regarding the up and coming School Parking Exclusion Zones will be held at St Catherine's Primary School on 24th February 2020 at 6pm with Community Safety, Roads and Police in attendance. All are encouraged to attend.

Parent Partnership - Reading Café

This term we invite our families in Primary 1 - 2 to come along and join in the reading fun at our Reading Café! We would like to offer you the opportunity to take part in a joint initiative between home and school. As a school we are very interested in developing reading together and are in a position to offer you the opportunity to come and join in our, 'Reading Cafes.' Reading Cafes are designed to be a relaxed and fun opportunity for you and your child to read together whilst gaining insight from your child's teacher as to how to get the best from this time together. There is evidence to suggest that children that read with their parents/carers not only develop a love of reading but also make more progress in their reading attainment. We would like to put this theory to the test!

School Access / 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.

Acceptable Use Policy (Internet & Media)

Renfrewshire Council has a policy to ensure that all pupils/parents are aware of the importance of good internet protocols and attitudes. We teach our children about internet safety and their own responsibilities. Please regularly discuss internet safety at home.

Active Schools Programme (extra-curricular activities)

Active Schools Co-ordinator, Mr Robert Campbell, works across a group of schools throughout the session organising extra-curricular activities for pupils. To book a place for this terms Active Schools Clubs, please register via our new ONLINE booking system: <https://rl-stcatherines.class4kids.co.uk>

Should you require a paper consent form please ask the school office.

Mr Campbell is responsible for the coaching staff and for all arrangements pertaining to the various activities. Coaching staff have responsibility for the pupils who attend a particular activity. Thank you Mr Campbell for providing such excellent opportunities for our pupils.

Physical Education

Pupils must have a PE kit, including soft shoes, on the required days. Participation in PE and physical activity is not an optional aspect of the curriculum. It is very important for your child's health and wellbeing. Children are not permitted to wear jewellery during PE and all items of jewellery should be removed prior to coming to school. In line with school/council policy football strips are not permitted.

Lost Property

Children should be encouraged to look after their belongings both inside the building and in the playground. If your child is missing any item, please remind him/her to look for it right away. If your child brings home any item which does not belong to him/her, return it to the school as quickly as possible. Please ensure all items brought to school have your child's name written clearly on them. Thank you.

School Holidays

The school will be close to pupils on Friday 7th February 2020 and will re-open to staff and pupils on Thursday 13th February 2020.

January Assembly Achievement Awards

Congratulations to the following pupils!

Primary 1	Mason Mellin, Ailissa Murphy, Leo Dollard, Sofia Gilmartin
Primary 2	Codie Carr, Edward Sobanski, Tymon Batkowski, Cole Cochrane, Rosalie McGowan, Sabrina Tasmin
Primary 3	Stuart Harkness, Tyler Strathearn,
Primary 4/3	Kacey Orr, Eloise Colquhoun, Keeley Clements, Phillip McBride
Primary 4	Lucja Wojtowicz, Mark Lundie, Jaiden McAvoy
Primary 5	Taylor McCormick, Michaela Mullen, Lucy Kelly, Lewis O'Neill, Lilly-Rose McMahon, Mirin McAdam, Ailey Gillespie, Dylan Nixon
Primary 6	Ciara McBride, Damilare Adebayo, Lily-Elle Zavaroni, Maja Wodkowska, Coco Arquillo, Nabeeha Shahid
Primary 7	Eva Russell, Laura Hardie, Eva McShane, Connor Hinshelwood

Dates for your diary

February

3	Citizenship Groups
7	In-Service Day (Pupils do not attend)
10	Holiday
11	Holiday
12	In-Service Day (Pupils do not attend)
13	Children and staff return
26	Ash Wednesday Service

March

2	Citizenship Groups
18	P4 Sacrament of Reconciliation at 7pm
19	Parents Evening
23	STEM Week
25	Parent Council Meeting 5.45pm

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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