



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

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August/September 2021 Newsletter

Dear Parent/Guardian

Welcome to the new school session, I hope you enjoyed some quality time with friends and family over the summer break and that you are glad to be getting back into the school routine. The children have settled back into school beautifully. A special welcome to our ELCC new starts and Primary 1 pupils and their families. I am looking forward to working with you all this year and I am confident we will have another very successful year together! A very big thank you to our entire school community for adhering to guidelines and helping us to continue to keep safe.

Staffing update

Mrs Henry - Head Teacher

Ms McLaughlin - Depute Head Teacher

Primary 1a Mrs Dando

Primary 1b Miss Berry

Primary 1c Miss Armstrong

Primary 2 Mrs McLean

Primary 3 Mrs Campbell

Primary 4 Miss Duddy

Primary 5 Mr McKay

Primary 6 Miss Calvert

Primary 7 Mr Donaghy

Mrs Burns/Mrs Millar – will continue to support classes across the school

Miss Smith/Miss Piggott – will deliver early intervention/targeted support

Sean Callaghan – Assistant Active School Coordinator across all stages

Ashleigh Lavelle – Homelink worker

Bridgette Short – Educational Psychologist

Father Joe Burke - School Chaplain

Standard and Quality Report

This is a report detailing how we have managed to accomplish achievements in the past year and outlining what we would like to focus on in the coming school session. It takes account of the views of all children, parents/carers, staff and stakeholders. You can find a copy of this on our school website.

School Improvement Plan

Our school improvement plan can be accessed using the school website. This will detail our priorities for the coming school session.

Parent Council

We will be looking for new recruits this session when restrictions allow. We are hoping that we will be able to meet later in September and I will keep you posted on this.

Contacting the school

Regrettably no parent/carers 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.

Reporting to Parents

We will continue to provide you with an update on your child through our monthly report, the first report will be with you in September. Should you have any concerns in the meantime please contact the school and we can arrange to call you back to discuss any issues you may have.

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.

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

Thank you for following current guidelines and distancing in the playground and wearing masks. Can we also ask that now the children are settled that only one parent enters the playground, with our school role increasing it can be quite busy especially at the end of the day. If possible, our older children can enter/be collected at the school gate or at the end of the lane. Thanks for your support.

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.

Annual Data check and other forms

Your child will be issued with the usual annual forms, please ensure these are completed and returned to school asap. 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 please let the school know in writing.

School Lunches

Renfrewshire Council has now updated the school lunches in line with a more traditional menu, more information is available on Council website - <https://www.renfrewshire.gov.uk/schoolmeals-primary>, standard menus will also be added to the school app, 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

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>

PE Days

School homework diaries will be issued next week with homework tasks, PE days and any other important information from the class teacher.

P1a – Wednesday/Friday
P1b – Wednesday/Friday
P1c – Tuesday/Thursday
P2 – Tuesday/Friday
P3 – Tuesday/Thursday
P4 – Wednesday/Thursday
P5 – Tuesday/Thursday
P6 – Monday/Wednesday
P7 – Monday/Friday

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.

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 year ahead.

Yours,

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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