



St. Catherine's Primary School

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End of Term Newsletter 2021

What a year it has been. I can't thank you enough for your patience, understanding and support of our staff team throughout this challenging time. Your children have been a credit to you all and, with thanks to a great staff team, have continued to flourish and make good progress. I look forward to seeing you all in August and I hope you have a fabulous summer break and stay safe.

Mrs Henry

Parent Council Relaunch!

We are losing our wonderful Parent Council chair Leanne Bruce as her time as a St Catherine's mum comes to an end. Thank you to Leanne for her dedication and commitment to our school. Thank you also to Creagh Dooner for his involvement in our Parent Council over the years. In August we are looking to build up our Parent Council team. If you can commit a small amount of time each term to meet to discuss and up-coming events and to help the continuous improvement of our lovely school, please get in touch with myself directly - emma.henry@renfrewshire.school

School Uniform

Full school uniform will resume in August. St Catherine's uniform consists of:

- Navy trousers/skirt
- Blue shirt/school tie
- Blue Polo-shirt
- Navy jumper/sweatshirt/cardigan
- Shorts/joggers for PE day

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 on Renfrewshire Council's website.) Clothing Grant application forms are also available.

Drop off/Collection

A reminder that we will continue to adhere to the following procedures in school in August. 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.**

Parking Restrictions

Please see the school website for detailed information on the parking restrictions in place around the school at the beginning and end of the day.

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.

P7 Leavers' event

We have made plans for our P7 children on **Thursday 24th June 2021 from 3.00pm-5.00pm**. A letter has been sent out outlining the evening's events. Please ensure you are on time to collect your child and they must be collected by adult from their own household. Primary 7 will also enjoy their leavers' presentation on this day, a link to this will be sent out for you to enjoy with your family.

Health week

Last week we enjoyed a variety of fun activities planned for our children to showcase and raise awareness of the importance of our health and wellbeing. Thank you to Sean for helping us to put this together and to Robert and the volunteers for supporting us throughout the week. Our class Sports Day was a great success and all of the school including our staff enjoyed a wee trip to the ice cream van!

Sacrament Dates

Congratulations to our First Holy Communion and Confirmation children who received their Sacraments this month. Well done to all of our pupils who made our school community very proud. Thank you to Mrs Campbell, Mr Donaghy, Mr Gallagher and Ms Mclaughlin and Father Ryan and Father Joe for the important part they played in preparing our children and organising these special events.

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.**

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.

Class structures – August 2021

Please note all class structures are provisional and subject to change.

P1a – Mrs Dando/ Miss Piggott

P1b – Miss Berry/ Miss Piggott

P1c – Miss Armstrong/ Miss Piggott

P2 – Mrs McLean

P3 – Mrs Campbell

P4 – Ms Duddy

P5 – Mr McKay

P6 – Miss Calvert

P7 – Mr Donaghy

Mrs Burns – Supporting across the school

Mrs Millar – Supporting across the school

Ms Smith - Targeted support

Staffing

I am delighted to say that Mr Gallagher has been successful in securing a secondment until March 2022 as Numeracy and Maths Modelling and Coaching Officer. I am sure you will join me in wishing him every success in this post.

Gallowhill Community Clean Up

Miss Calvert and our ECO Citizenship group were involved in a community clean up event. A great big tick from Mrs Henry for being such responsible citizens. Thank you, Miss Calvert and children.

Holiday dates for your diary

Friday 25th June – School closes at **1.00pm** for summer break

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 achievement 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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