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Term 4 Newsletter

Primary 1 Transition Programme

This week and over the coming weeks we welcome our pre-school children into Primary 1 for our transition programme. The children will be involved in weekly sessions that will allow them to become familiar with the Primary 1 environment and ease their transition from ELCC to school. The final two sessions will involve our parents and carers.

P7 Leavers' event

We have made plans with our P7 children on **Thursday 23rd June 2022 from 3.00pm-5.00pm**. The children have decided on their leavers event and 100% of children voted for a fun outdoor event. We have arranged the following, an outdoor Escape Room Challenge, McDonalds in school, followed by Bush Craft in the Secret Garden with music. The children will toast marshmallows, make popcorn and smores on the fire supported by our fully trained Active Schools colleagues. Children should come dressed for the outdoors. There will be no cost for our families, this will be fully funded by the school. The children's leavers hoodies have been ordered and are on the way!

P7 Transition

Primary 7 are invited to Trinity High School for a week of transition activities from **Tuesday 7th to Friday 10th June 2022**. Mr Marshall will be in touch with the details of this in the coming weeks.

Car park

Please note the car park is for staff only, no parents should be in the car park. Parking restrictions at the beginning and end of the school day and fines from Police Scotland are still in place and please be aware that this area is now covered by a camera.

School Uniform

The children continue to look very smart in their school uniform. 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!

Advice Works

Please see the attached linked to Renfrewshire Council Advice Works for support with money and debt and benefit claims.

<https://www.renfrewshire.gov.uk/AdviceWorks>.

Free school meals and Clothing Grant

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-andclothing-grants>

School Improvement Planning/ Pupil Equity Fund

Each year the school makes a plan detailing key priorities for improvement. Staff, pupils, parents and partners have contributed to this plan. We have collated the responses from consultations held throughout the year from all stakeholders including the most recent questionnaires and surveys regarding the spending of our PEF allocation. Our PEF plans will be outlined within our School Improvement Plan, which will be available to you next session. Thank you to all that have completed forms to help with our consultation.

Health week

The week beginning the **13th June 2022** a variety of fun activities are 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 this. Our Sports Day will take place during this week and all of the school including our staff will enjoy a wee trip to the ice cream van!

Easing of Restrictions – Parent Carer Open afternoon

We are delighted that with the easing of restrictions we can now, at times, welcome our parents back into the building. As such we would like to invite you to a class open afternoon. On at 2pm on **Friday 17th June 2022** you are invited into your child's classroom, they will show you around their environment and share their learning targets with you.

Summer Reading Challenge

We would like to encourage as many of our children as possible to take part in this year's Summer Reading Challenge. This is a fantastic opportunity to keep your children occupied during the summer break and let's remember reading time equals quiet time!

Classes

In any primary school, including St Catherine's, pupils will not necessarily remain in one class throughout their 7 years. This may be due to a number of factors, including legislation on class sizes at the various stages and the total number of pupils at each stage. Because of fluctuating numbers, it is often not possible to arrange the classes until close to the end of term. Even then, occasionally the situation may change during the summer holidays.

Class size legislation: P1 – 25 pupils; P2 & P3 – 30 pupils; P4 to P7 – 33 pupils.

Sacraments

A reminder of the dates below.

First Holy Communion **14th May at 10am** in St Mirin's Cathedral

Confirmation **24th May at 6.30pm** in St Mirin's Cathedral

We are also delighted to welcome Bishop John who will visit our Confirmandi on **Thursday 12th May 2022**.

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.

Healthy Eating

Children are encouraged to bring a bottle of water to drink during the day. Please note that no flavoured water or juice is permitted in class. As a health promoting school, we also encourage our children to bring a healthy snack for their break time.

Euro Quiz

Good luck to our team of P6 pupils that will compete against other schools across Renfrewshire in this year's Euro Quiz this Wednesday. Go team St Catherine's!

Team Up to Clean Up

Thank you, Miss Calvert and our ECO Citizenship Group for leading the, Team Up to Clean Up annual Big Spring Clean. What a great job they have done litter picking in our school and local community, well done!

Sporting Achievements

In the coming weeks a group of our P6 & P7's will compete in the Jr NBA representing the Los Angeles Lakers playing against a number of schools throughout Renfrewshire. As well as this our P5-7 Girls football team is due to compete at the Renfrewshire Girls Football League and our P6/P7 boys team will represent St Catherine's at the Park Mains Football Festival. Our next block of After School clubs will start on, **Tuesday 3rd of May 2022**. The upper school will also start their Bikeability training in May with P6 participating in level 1 and P7 moving on to the level 2 course. The whole school will take part in a range of activities as part of Health Week later this term. What a busy time, well done all and thank you to Sean for ensuring our children have access to so many fantastic opportunities.

Own Clothes Day

The last day of term is an own clothes day which is voluntary as always. Suggested donations of £1 can be made through your Parent Pay account or bar code letters can be attained from the school office should you require. Many thanks for your continued support.

School Holidays

Monday 2nd May Holiday

Thursday 5th May In-service Day/Staff only

Friday 27th May Holiday

Thursday 2nd and Friday 3rd June Holiday

The school will close on **Tuesday 28th June 2022 at 1pm** and will re-open to pupils on **Tuesday 16th August 2022**

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 and returning the information below.

Your child will receive a Head Teacher Award which will be shared at assembly and added to our achievements' records.

Child's name: _____

Class: _____

Details of Personal Achievement:

Parent/Carer 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.

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Mrs Henry