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February 2019 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.

Parent Partnership – Tech Lit Café

Thank you to all that have managed to come along to our P1/2 Tech Lit Café sessions. It has been very successful and a joy to see our families working in partnership with their teachers. If you have not attended please feel free to come along! The children that attend our Tech Lit Café this year will be invited to help Mrs Henry evaluate the sessions over a slice of pizza in the coming weeks.

HOPE

Our Families First HOPE sessions are currently running on a Friday from 1.30pm here in St Catherine's Primary. Please try to come along if you can. Sessions coming up this term include, mental health awareness, employability, Income advice/benefits and volunteering opportunities.

Families First Income Advisor

Penny Ralston our Income Advisor from the Families First team will be based in St Catherine's Primary every Thursday from 10am-12pm for support/advice. No appointments necessary.

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 Dougie Armour, 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 Armour 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 Armour 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.

Speech & Language Therapy Drop-In Advice Clinics

These are for children and families living in Renfrewshire. The local venue is The Aranthrue Centre (Paisley Road) between 10am and 12noon on the 2nd Friday of the month: For more information contact 0141 314 4601.

Staffing update

We would like to welcome Miss Armstrong to the St Catherine's team. Miss Armstrong will replace Miss Dundas in delivering targeted support across the school, I am sure Miss Armstrong will be a welcome addition to the team.

School Holidays

The school will be close to pupils on Monday 11th February and will re-open to staff and pupils on Thursday 14th February.

January Assembly Achievement Awards

Congratulations to the following pupils!

Primary 1	Gabriela Gorska, Jaya Pardasani, Katie Smith, Josh McKenna, Cuong Nguyen, Cole Cochrane
Primary 3/2	Alessandro Degboe, Sara Shahid, Rhyllie Galbraith, Aaron Docherty, Iona Ashmead
Primary 2	Mia Dollard, Matthew Daly, Myla Taylor, Ben Parnis-Scott
Primary 3	Karis Shanks, Joshua Dapaah, Antonia Vodislav, Freya McKenna, Emily Morrison
Primary 4	Dylan Nixon, Lilly-Rose McMahon, Sara McStay, Ailey Gillespie, Shellie McKinlay
Primary 5	Freya Ashmead, Dylan Cochrane, Chara Dapaah, Justin McKeown
Primary 6	Josh Docherty, Cailyn Kelly
Primary 7	Laura Hardie, David Roy, Olivia Kearns, Amy Turnbull, Aaron Jackson
Head Teacher Awards	Mark Lundie, Jane Donald, Millie Dawson, Christopher McGeogh, Sean Strathearn, Freya Ashmead, Chara Dapaah, Dylan Cochrane, Leanna McCarthy, Sam Evans, Kieran Connor, Shellie McKinlay, Lyle Amjadi, Sabrina Tasmin, Alistair Greer

Dates for your diary

February

4	Citizenship Groups
11	Holiday
12	Holiday
13	In-Service Day (Pupils do not attend)
21	P1-P3/P4-P7 Discos

March

4	Citizenship Groups
6	Ash Wednesday Service
7	Trinity Cluster Mass at St Columba's Parish Church, Renfrew at 7pm
11	STEM Week
15	P1/P7 Dental Inspections
20	Parents Evening
21	Parent Council Meeting 6.15pm
25	P4 Sacrament of Reconciliation at 7pm
29	School closes at 2.30pm Own Clothes Day (£1 donation)

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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