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February 2019 Nursery Newsletter

Parent Partnership

We try to promote positive relationships and involve our parents/carers in all aspects of nursery life. Please try to come along to the following events:

- Every Tuesday/Thursday – Bookbug. A time to enjoy stories, songs and rhymes with your child.
- Every morning/afternoon 9am/1pm – Walk a mile with your child. What a great way to stay fit and healthy!
- 27th February/27nd March - Walking group. Once a month we go out on a walk in to the local community. This month we will be going to Robertson Park.
- 19th February – Nursery Open Day.
- 18th March 2019 - Stay and Play week. See notice boards for further information.

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.

Infection Control

This time of year is when coughs and colds and sickness bugs are circulating. In nursery the children are very good at washing their hands after the toilet, and using a tissue when they sneeze. We would like you to reinforce this message at home, and ask if your child suffers from a bout of sickness or diarrhoea, they should not attend nursery for 48 hours. Thank you for your co-operation.

Activity Fund

There are 11 weeks within the current term, parents are welcome to donate £2.00 per week or can donate for the 11 weeks which would be £22.00. Can I remind parents the activity funds benefit all our children and help to pay for healthy snacks and drinks, outings, parties and events. Without your support **we could not** provide your children with such wide and varied experiences in nursery.

Car park

Please remember **the car park is for staff only**. Children should not pass through the car park. For your own safety please use the appropriate railed pathway in to the nursery.

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.

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.

Nursery Applications

A reminder that all applications for children beginning nursery next session 2018-2019 should be returned to the school office as soon as possible.

Absences

Please remember to phone the nursery mobile if your child will be absent from nursery, thank you.

Password

Please remember to supply your child's Key Person with a password if they are being picked up by someone else thank you.

Change of Clothes

A reminder to all Parents/Carers to keep a change of clothes in your child's bag, thank you. Please provide your children with soft shoes to change into. It would be beneficial for your child to be dressed in clothing which is easy for them to manage to encourage independence when using the toilet. Please label all of your child's clothing, thank you. Please remember weather appropriate clothing for the time of year including hats and gloves as your child will be involved in learning outdoors daily. If your child has borrowed clothing from nursery could we please ask that you return it as our stock is running very low. Many thanks.

Transition

Our children that are moving on to Primary One in August are currently involved in our 'Reading Buddies' initiative. This is a wonderful transition programme in which our nursery children spend time in Primary One being led by the children in literacy based activities. Great fun!

School Holidays

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

Learning experiences

Our Busy Bee's have been enjoying our Book of the Month 'The Gruffalo.' They have been listening to the story, acting out roles and retelling the story. We found out about and celebrated Burn's Day enjoying a special Scottish influenced snack. We have been developing our problem solving and investigation skills in the sand and water adding foam, colours and making ice. Outdoors we have enjoyed junk modelling, going on a shape hunt and building a snowman! Our children have been preparing for school enjoying 'Buddy Reading' with Primary One.

We have welcomed new children to the Daisy Room and are enjoying seeing them settle in to the room. Our Daisy Room children have been participating in the Learning to Talk Programme developing their language and communication skills. The children have enjoyed a variety of stories and rhymes. Opportunities to extend the children's interests further have been created using all that is on offer in our local community

Open Door Friday

To support transition and develop relationships between staff and children across our nursery on a Friday your children will have the opportunity to access all areas of the nursery.

Open Day

This term's Open Day will be on **19th February 2019**. This is a fantastic opportunity for you to see what your child has been learning and for them to talk to you about their work. More information will go up on to our Parent Notice Board in the coming week.

Diary Dates

February

- 11 Holiday
- 12 Holiday
- 13 In- Service Day (Children do not attend)
- 19 Open Day
- 27 Walking Group to Robertson Park

March

- 11 STEM Week
- 18 Stay and Play Week
- 27 Walking Group
- 29 Annual Sponsor Event (further information to follow)

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/>

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