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March 2019 Nursery Newsletter

HMIE Inspection Report

We recently had a visit for HM Inspectors and we are delighted with our glowing report. Not only did we receive gradings of very good for both our school and early learning and childcare class but we also received further recognition for our skills programme and our work to ensure pupil voice is embedded in the work of the school. I am delighted that the hard work and dedication of all staff has been recognised in this incredibly positive report. I would like to thank our families for your continued support and most of all our fantastic children for allowing our inspectors to see our school vision to 'attain, achieve, aspire' in practice. Well done everyone.

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, 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.

STEM Week

Our annual STEM activities will be taking place during the week of 11th March. We have consulted with our children and they have asked that this year we have a STEM week not just a day, they have requested STEM challenges outdoors and that our parents come in again to talk about their careers. Thank you to Mrs Campbell and Ms McLaughlin who have put all the children's ideas together to timetable a variety of exciting experiences across the course of the week.

Staffing update

We would like to welcome Miss Nicola Hunter to our Early Learning and Childcare Class. Miss Hunter is joining us in her new position as Early Years Graduate. Miss Hunter has already settled in and is proving to be a great asset to the team. I am sure you will join me in making her feel very welcome.

Parent Council

Please come along to our next meeting which is planned for **Thursday 21st March at 6.15pm**. I would like to hear your thoughts on our Pupil Equity Fund and School Improvement Plan.

School Holidays

The school will close on **Friday 29th March at 2.30pm** and will re-open to staff and pupils on **Monday 15th April**. The school will then close on **Thursday 18th April** and will reopen to staff and pupils on **Tuesday 23rd April**.

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 – Walk a mile with your child. What a great way to stay fit and healthy!
- 18th March - Stay and Play week. See notice boards for further information.
- 27th March - Walking group. Once a month we go out on a walk in to the local community.

We are always looking for parents to join us on our trips especially now that our Daisy Room is busier. Heather and Rebecca would like to ask if their parents would join them on more outings so that the children can enjoy regular trips out and about!

Activity Fund

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. Thank you for your continued support.

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 By Friday 8th March 2019.

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.

Learning experiences

All children have enjoyed talking about plants, growing them and watching the change in seasons. We have been having fun in the mud kitchen outdoors, we went on a number hunt and played hide and seek. We have been using our problem solving skills to build bridges.

The Busy Bee's new book of the month is, 'The Enormous Turnip' and the children would like a shop in their role play area that sells fruit, vegetables and flowers!

Our Daisy Room children have been learning to complete more complicated jigsaws. They have been having great fun outdoors and have been on many trips within the local community. We have been cooking and baking. Some of our Daisy Room children are doing very well with their toilet training!

Stay and Play

This month we would like to invite you in to nursery to stay and play with your child. This is a wonderful opportunity for you to spend quality time with your child in their nursery setting and see how confident and happy they are! Your children will very soon be coming home with some questions about what you would like to do when you visit and when you can come along. More information to follow on our notice board. We look forward to welcoming you soon.

World Book Day

This year you are invited to attend a Bookbug session for all parents/carers on **Thursday 7th March** to celebrate World Book Day. Children can dress up as their favourite book characters (we encourage you to be creative and not spend money on a costume) and come along and join in our fun.

March

- 7 World Book Day
- 11 STEM Week
- 18 Stay and Play Week

- 27 Walking Group
- 29 Annual Sponsor Event (further information to follow)
- 29 School closes at 2.30pm

April

- 15 School opens to staff and pupils
- 19 School closed to staff and pupils
- 22 School closed to staff and pupils
- 23 School opens to staff and pupils

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.

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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