



St. Catherine's Early Learning and Childcare Class Newsletter

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December 2018

Christmas Party

Your children can come to nursery in their Christmas Party clothes on **Thursday 20th December 2018**. Children will enjoy party games and treats and I believe a special visitor will visit the nursery too!

Christmas Show

This year our children will perform a variety of Christmas songs 'old and new' for your enjoyment on **Friday 14th December 2018 at 11.15am/2.15pm**. All families will receive two tickets free of charge. Additional tickets can now be purchased for £2 on a first come first served basis. Doors will open fifteen minutes before the performance begins.

Fund Raising

This terms fund raising event is a pyjama day (as chosen by our children) and will take place on **Friday 7th December**. The cost of this is £1 per child and it will go towards our nursery funds. This is as always voluntary, thank you as always for your continued support.

Bookbug

Next week is our last Bookbug session until the new year. Sessions will resume on **Tuesday 15th January 2019**.

Transition

As part of our transition programme, our pre-school children will be making regular visits to Primary 1. This will allow for a seamless transition and for your children to develop in confidence, and to be secure and happy in their new surroundings. The programme starts this term with our Early Intervention officer Ms Piggott coming in to the nursery to work with the staff and children. In Term 3 the children will go in to Primary One for weekly 'Reading Buddy' visits.

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: **14th December**. For more information contact 0141 314 4601.

Car Park

Our Car Park is for staff parking only we respectfully ask you not to park there. There have been occasions in which parents have parked in areas that block prams and buggies. I will be monitoring this closely.

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. A very big thank you to Mr O'Neill for doing more than required to keep our families safe. Mrs Henry is very grateful to have the best janitor in Paisley!

Parent Council

A very big thank you to our Parent Council for their hard work and dedication to our school. Your support and commitment to the school is truly appreciated by us all.

Christmas Fayre

Please remember that our Christmas Fayre date has changed to **Thursday 13th December**. Nursery Parents/Carers are welcome to join us from 3pm. Afternoon parents may collect your child early from nursery if you wish to attend, please enter the school by the main entrance.

Primary 1 Registration

Children who reach 5 years of age between 1 March 2019 and 29 February 2020 inclusive should be registered for education in their catchment school. Pupils whose surnames begin with the initials **A to L** should be registered on **Wednesday 16th January 2019**. Pupils whose surnames begin with **M to Z** should be registered on **Thursday 17th January 2019**. Registration will take place in St Catherine's Primary between 1pm and 3pm. Please provide birth certificate and two proofs of residence including council tax or a solicitor's letter confirming conclusion of missives or a rent book for a rented property tenancy agreement or mortgage/bank statement.

Thank you

I would like to say a very big thank you to the **incredible** staff team here at St Catherine's for their hard work and commitment to our school. To our families for their support and contribution to positive changes for our school and most of all to our children who make us proud every day through their excellent behaviour and aspirations for themselves and each other. We wish our families a wonderful festive period!

School Holiday

The school will close on **Friday 21st December at 2.30pm** and will reopen to staff and pupils on **Monday 7th January 2019**.

Dates for your Diary!

December

- 7 Pyjama Day
- 14 Christmas Show
- 20 Christmas Party
- 21 School closes for Christmas break **2.30pm**

January

- 7 School opens to staff and children
- 16 Primary 1 registration
- 17 Primary 1 registration

February

- 19 Open Day

Recognition of Achievement

Although we encourage 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. This will then be shared with all of our friends and added to our achievements records.

Name _____

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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