



## St. Catherine's Primary School

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### March 2020 Nursery 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

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!
- 16<sup>th</sup> March - Stay and Play week. See notice boards for further information.
- 4<sup>th</sup>/25<sup>th</sup> March - Walking group. Once a month we go out on a walk in to the local community.

#### 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. Donations can be made through Parent Pay or ask for a barcode letter at the school office. Thank you for your continued support.

#### Nursery Applications

A reminder that all applications for children beginning nursery next session 2018-2019 should be returned to the school office by **Thursday 5<sup>th</sup> March 2020**.

#### 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

Across both rooms we have been focusing on our environment and some lovely changes have been made in consultation with our children. We have focused on ways to support connections in learning, opportunities for creative thinking, problem solving, collaborative working and child led planning. At the heart of this is allowing our children the opportunity to share their ideas and reflect on their learning.

### **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. Please sign up on our notice board if you have not done so already!

### **World Book Day**

We will enjoy World Book Day (**5<sup>th</sup> March**) in school by celebrating our love of books in class in a variety of exciting ways. We will not be asking the children to dress up but to simply come along and enjoy a day based around of favourite stories.

### **STEM Week**

Our annual STEM activities will be taking place during the week of **23<sup>rd</sup> 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 this year 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 are delighted that our very own Miss Nicola Hunter has been appointed as Depute of St Catherine's Early Learning and Childcare Class and Mrs Sharon Hunter as Senior Early Learning and Childcare Officer. We are delighted that this will provide us with quality and consistency as we move towards full implementation of 1140.

### **Skoobmobile**

Our Skoobmobile partners are delivering sessions across the school in the coming weeks including, book borrowing and story telling sessions, topic related researching and homework support and transition to high school support. We are looking forward to interactive technology session using VR goggles and Hop on Homework.

### **School Holidays**

The school will close on **Thursday 2<sup>nd</sup> April at 2.30pm** and will re-open to staff and pupils on **Monday 20<sup>th</sup> April**.

### **Dates for your diary**

#### **March**

16 Stay and Play  
23 STEM Week  
4 am Walking Group  
25 pm Walking Group

#### **April**

3 School closed to staff and pupils  
20 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.

<b>Church</b>	<b>Community</b>	<b>General</b>	<b>Language and Arts</b>	<b>Music</b>	<b>Sport</b>
<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Class \_\_\_\_\_

Details of Personal Achievement

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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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