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February 2020 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** - Walking group. Once a month we go out on a walk in the local community. Please see Nicola and let her know if you have any ideas for our next trip.
- **19th February** – ELCC Open Day.
- **16th March** - Stay and Play week. See notice boards for further information.

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 9 weeks within the current term, parents are welcome to donate £2.00 per week or can donate for the 11 weeks which would be £.18.00. 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. Payment should be made through Parent Pay.

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 Parking Exclusion Zones

A consultation event regarding the up and coming School Parking Exclusion Zones will be held at St Catherine's Primary School on **24th February 2020 at 6pm** with Community Safety, Roads and Police in attendance. All are encouraged to attend.

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.

Nursery Applications

A reminder that all applications for children beginning nursery next session 2020-2021 should be returned to the school office as soon as possible. Spaces are quickly filling up for next session.

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!

Learning experiences

Our Busy Bees have been busy learning outdoors, building dens, making kites, tidying up the garden and using our physical equipment such as bikes, balls and the climbing frame. Along with our Daisy Room children we learned all about Chinese New Year, the children made lanterns, turned our home corner in to a restaurant and we made some delicious Chinese food. We also celebrated Burns Day by highland dancing, learning poetry and eating some delicious haggis, neeps and tatties.

Our Daisy Room children have been out and about on the bus and have also welcomed new children to the room that are settling in beautifully! Well done one and all!

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 terms Open Day will be on **19th February 2020**. 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.

Staffing

Teresa Marklow will take up a new position in East Renfrewshire Council following the February break. Although we are sorry to see Teresa go, we wish her the best of luck in her new position. Mrs Henry would like to personally thank Teresa on behalf of all of the staff and children for her hard work and dedication to St Catherine's Early Learning and Childcare Class over the years.

School Holidays

The school will be close to pupils on **Friday 7th February 2020** and will re-open to staff and pupils on **Thursday 13th February 2020**.

Dates for your diary

February

7	In-Service Day (Pupils do not attend)
10	Holiday
11	Holiday
12	In-Service Day (Pupils do not attend)
13	Pupils and Staff return to school

19 Open day
27 Walking Group
March
16 Stay and Play
23 STEM Week

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

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<https://blogs.glowscotland.org.uk/re/stcatherines/>

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