



St. Catherine's Early Learning and Childcare Class



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June End of Term Newsletter

Education Scotland

Following our recent glowing inspection report I am delighted to say that the work of our school has been published on a Sketchnote on the Education Scotland Website and National Improvement Hub. This is a fantastic achievement which recognises the work of our Skills progression Framework, our connections with West College Scotland and the development of our family learning programme to include the use of digital technologies. Well done team St Catherine's!

New Office Phone Number

Our new number is 0300 300 0180

Summer Reading Challenge

We would like to encourage as many of our children as possible to take part in this year's Summer Reading Challenge. This is a fantastic opportunity to keep your children occupied during the summer break and let's remember reading time equals quiet time! Prizes for participating include free swimming and badminton passes. Pop on to Skoobmobile or visit any Renfrewshire Council library to sign up.

Staffing next session

Senior Nursery Officer – Mrs Teresa Marklow

Early Years Graduate – Ms Nicola Hunter

Busy Bee Room – Mrs Amanda Brown, Miss Rebecca Thorburn, Ms Nikkita Kernachan, Vacancy

Daisy Room – Mrs Heather Ferrier, Mrs Sharon Donaldson

Support Worker – Mrs Vivienne Middleton

Sports Day

Thank you to all Parents/Carers for attending our Sports Day. I am sure you will agree it was a very successful event The children had a great time and were confident and so very well behaved. Well done children! Thank you to our team of staff for putting this event together.

School Trip

We had a fantastic day away to Heads of Ayr Farm Park and the children enjoyed all that it had to offer. It was lovely to spend the day with the whole school community and I am sure your children slept very well after an extremely busy day. Thank you to our parent helpers, we could not take your children away to events such as this without your help.

Graduation

Well done to all of our new Graduates! What a fantastic celebration of your confidence, relationships and achievements. We will miss you all in our nursery but Mrs Henry is very excited to continue working with you in Primary 1. We wish you good luck in all that you do. To celebrate the fantastic year we have had we have arranged a fun day for all of our children on Thursday 27th June. Face painting, baking, bouncy castle, games and more are planned!

Donations

Your generous donations throughout the year have helped contribute towards our parties, festivals, outdoor learning resources, baking utensils and so much more. We thank you very much for your continued support.

Walking Group

Our walking group has been very successful this year with many of our Parents/Carers attending. Next session we would like to invite you to join us each day on our 'Walk a Mile' you can attend every day or pick and choose when you come along. We will also continue to have a focused walk each month.

Parent Council

I would like to offer a huge thank you to our Parent Council who have given a huge amount of support throughout the year. They have organised many events and raised a significant amount of funds which have allowed us to purchase outdoor clothing for our Primary 1 and 2 children as well as various gifts for our children throughout the year.

I am aware that they have freely given of their own time in order to enhance the life of our school and our school community is extremely grateful. A special thank you to Jane Cumming for her role as Treasurer to the Parent Council, you will be sorely missed!!!!

Thank you, thank you, thank you! We will be looking for new recruits next sessions. Our first meeting of the new year is planned for **Thursday 29th August at 6.15pm**. All welcome!

Free School Meals/Clothing Grant

If your child is moving into P4 this August, make sure applications for Free School Meals are received by Renfrewshire Council no later than Friday 12 July to guarantee it's all set up for the start of term.

www.renfrewshire.gov.uk/freeschoolmealsandclothinggrants

Get money to pay for school uniforms before the new term starts. Make sure your Clothing Grant application is received by Renfrewshire Council no later than Friday 12 July. Those received afterwards will be processed asap. www.renfrewshire.gov.uk/freeschoolmealsandclothinggrants

Make sure your signed form or application is received by Renfrewshire Council no later than Friday 12 July to guarantee Free School Meals from the first day of term. Forms received afterwards will be processed asap. www.renfrewshire.gov.uk/freeschoolmealsandclothinggrants

School Improvement Planning/ PEF – Pupil Equity Plan

Each year the school makes a plan detailing key priorities for improvement. Staff, pupils, parents and partners have contributed to this plan. We have collated the responses from consultations held throughout the year from all stakeholders including the most recent questionnaires and surveys regarding the spending of our PEF allocation. Our PEF plans will be outlined within our School Improvement Plan, which will be available to you next session.

Health Week

We enjoyed another very successful health week this year with fabulous and varied activities on offer for our children from a variety of our staff and partners. Thank you to everyone involved including our S6 helpers from Trinity High School. Thank you also to our parent volunteers for helping with our school trip. We had a fabulous day and could not do it without you.

Uniforms

Uniforms are available to collect from the nursery from August. Payments should be made online through your Parent Pay account or a barcode letter can be collected from the school office.

Thank you

I would like to say a very big thank you to the entire school community for a wonderful year. We are delighted to have had the fantastic achievements of our school recognised by Education Scotland during our recent inspection and to have received grades of 'very good' for our school and early learning and childcare class. In St Catherine's Primary School this is a team effort and at the heart of this is outstanding teaching and learning, engaged and motivated pupils and good behaviour. I wish you all a wonderful summer and I look forward to working in partnership with you next session.

E Henry

School Holidays

The school will close on **Friday 28th June 2019 at 1pm** and will re-open to staff and pupils on **Thursday 15th August 2019**