



St. Catherine's Nursery Class April/May 2019 Newsletter

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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!
- Wednesday 1st May - Walking group. Once a month we go out on a walk in to the local community, we are planning on taking a trip to the library.
- 15th 16th May – Parent/Carer Meetings

P1 Transition Programme

This has been well underway since the beginning of the year with the new entrants being invited to school for a variety of activities. Official induction days for all new St Catherine's pupils will be held at 1.30pm-2.30pm on 15.5.19 and 22.5.19. By the end of these sessions you should have all of the information you need and your child will have spent quality time with their new teachers and classmates. We offer an optional additional stay and play session at 11am on 29.5.19. Our P7 buddies will take the children out to play allowing them to experience a playtime whilst our parents are mingling over tea and coffee.

School Trip

Our summer school trip is in the process of being finalised. As always, our pupils have the final say in where we go and Heads of Ayr Farm Park was the clear favourite. Your wish is my command children...consider it booked! If you are able to offer your time and join us on our trip on **Tuesday 4th June** as a parent helper please contact our school office.

Health Week

Our Health Week begins on **Monday 3rd June** during this week we have exciting events planned such as our school trip, yoga, walking group and sports day. In nursery we will also be learning about healthy eating, having a growth mindset, participating in outdoor learning and carrying out surveys to encourage our children to bring in healthy snacks.

Sport Day

Parents/Carers are invited to attend our Sports Day event on the afternoon of **Friday 7th June**. More information to follow.

Head Teacher Request

Could I please ask all parents to be mindful when parking and remind everyone **not to park** within the staff car park when dropping off and picking up your children. The car park is not a safe place to drop of your child and is permitted for staff parking only.

Please note that there are no dogs allowed in the school playground. A number of our pupils find it distressing and for a number of health and safety reasons it is not permitted. I thank you as always for your assistance.



Graduation – 21st June



This celebration will take place on the **afternoon of 21st June** and involve the children who are graduating. We are all looking forward to this exciting event.

The arrangements for graduation day are:-

- All of the children who are graduating (morning and afternoon children) should be dropped off at the nursery at 1.00pm
- Parents/carers should then arrive at the school hall for 2.15pm to watch the performance and graduation
- Then both parents/carers and children are invited to join us in the nursery to cut the graduation cake

To enable us to have the graduation ceremony we kindly ask that the afternoon children, who are not graduating from the nursery, come to the morning session on 22rd June. This is a great help. Graduating children should only attend in the afternoon for this day only.

Weather

Please ensure that weather appropriate clothing is worn as your child will be involved in outdoor learning every day. As the weather can be warm at this time of year, please make sure that they have a hat and have sunscreen applied before they come to nursery. If it is wet a waterproof jacket and sensible footwear should be worn. Providing your child with a change of shoes to leave in nursery would be very much appreciated.

Reporting to Parents

We will be reporting to all parents on **15th and 16th May**. You will be given the opportunity to book an appointment to meet with your child's key worker and discuss their progress within the nursery. Nursery Group sheets for each nursery officer will be put up in the Parents' Area at the entrance for you to sign up for a time slot on one of these days. If you have any concerns about these dates please speak to your child's key worker.

Learning experiences

Our Busy Bee children have enjoyed learning outdoors and have been planting spring flowers and playing in the mud kitchen. They have been carrying out experiments making ice and slime. Our book of the month has promoted opportunities for drama and role-play. Our children have been cooking and baking and tasting lots of different foods. They have enjoyed learning about rhyme and making up our own silly rhymes too.

Our Daisy Room children have been developing their self help skills, Mrs Henry is very impressed! They have enjoyed creating models with the blocks promoting problem solving and creativity. Colours and numbers have been a focus across all areas of the play room.

School Holidays

The school will close on Friday 3rd May and will reopen to pupils on Wednesday 8th May . The school will close on Thursday 23rd May and reopen on Tuesday 28th May.

Dates for your diary

May

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| 1 | Walking group |
| 6 | Holiday |
| 7 | In-service Day (school closed to pupils) |
| 8 | Individual photographs |
| 9 | Parent Council Meeting 6.15pm |
| 15 | P1 Induction |
| 15 | Parents Meeting |

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| 16 | Parents Meeting |
| 22 | P1 Induction |
| 24 | Holiday |
| 27 | Holiday |

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

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

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