



St. Catherine's Early Learning and Childcare Class Newsletter

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Notice Board/Website

Please remember to have a look at our notice board, Twitter feed and school website as this will update you with what your children have been involved in each day and any new developments in our rooms.

Donations

A massive thank you to all the parents and carers who continue to support the nursery with your voluntary donation of **£2 per week**. This money is used to provide the children with resources, outings and snack. This month our children have visited local shops to buy resources for our rooms, have been on local bus trips and have been baking and decorating cakes. Donations should be made through Parent Pay. Please note this is now how to pay for nursery uniforms.

Indoor shoes

Please provide your child with soft indoor shoes and a change of clothes in a named bag. This should be kept on their coat peg.

Parent Council

We will be looking for new recruits next session. Our first meeting of the new year is planned for **Thursday 29th August at 6.00pm**. All welcome!

Termly Coffee Morning

I would like to invite you to our termly parent/carer coffee morning. This will be an opportunity for you to not only catch up over a cup of tea or coffee but it will allow me to inform you of the progress of our school improvement plan priorities and to find out your views throughout the year too. The first coffee morning will take place on **Thursday 19th September at 2.15pm**. I hope many of you can come along.

Bookbug

Bookbug sessions will continue every **Tuesday morning/Thursday afternoon 9am/1pm**. Please try to come along! We would love to see even more of our Parents/Carers attending!

Daisy Room and Busy Bee Room Open Day

Please remember to join us on **Wednesday 18th September** to have a look at your child's special record of work and our floor books. This is a time for you to sit with your child and have a look at the journey of their learning so far. Our nursery staff will be available to answer any questions you might have. We look forward to seeing you then. See our notice board for further updates.

Fund Raising

Our teddy bear picnic will be on **Friday 20th September**. Your child should come to nursery with their favourite teddy and we will have a lovely picnic and some games outside. Donations should be made through parent pay. This of course as always is optional. We thank you for your continued support.

Walking group

Our first walk of the year is planned for **Wednesday 25th September**. We would love to hear your suggestions as to where to go. Please let Teresa know if you have any suggestions.

Learning Experiences

This term your children have been involved in creating their own learning pathways through the use of talking tubs and mind maps. We ensure that our children are motivated to learn through gearing our learning experiences to each child's individual interests and needs. We record this journey in our floor books which you are welcome to browse through at any time. Our book of the month in our Busy Bee Room is 'Shark in the Park,' the children have been developing their Literacy skills across all areas of the room mark making, building and role playing scenes from the story.

Environment

We have consulted the children as to how they want their nursery to look and the types of things they would like to see in it. This has resulted in lots of new resources including sand and trays and role play materials.

Family Photographs

We would appreciate if you could please send in a family photograph for our wall display, the children love to see familiar faces when they are in nursery and it is a great talking point for our children.

Eye Screening

Preschool eye screening will be carried out on **Monday 16th September 2019**. Consent forms will be with you shortly and should be returned to nursery as soon as possible. Many thanks

Twitter/Website

We are always looking for new ways to communicate with our Parents/Carers and through consultation with our Parent Council/Have your Say Box we are now on Twitter! We invite you to follow us

@stcatherinespsy

Please remember to access our school website, 'Whole School News' will provide you with up and coming events. You will also find copies of our monthly newsletters, school handbook, school improvement plan and other useful information. We will continue to use our text messaging service also to keep you up to date.

As always if you have any questions regarding this letter or indeed any aspect of your child's education please do not hesitate to contact me at the school office.

Yours,

Emma Henry
Head Teacher

Dates for your diary

August

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| 15 | Pupils return to school
(P1 9.15am - today only) |
| 29 | Parent Council Meeting 6.00pm
– all welcome |

September

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| 25 | Walking Group |
| 16 | Preschool Eye Test |
| 18 | Open Afternoon |
| 19 | Coffee Morning 2.15pm – all
welcome |
| 27 | Holiday |

30 Holiday

October

1 School re-opens
11 In Service Day School Closed
to pupils
14 Holiday
21 School re-opens to pupils and
staff

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/>

(If you require a copy with larger print please contact the school office)

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