



## St. Catherine's Early Learning and Childcare Class Newsletter

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### December 2019

#### Christmas Party

Your children can come to school in their Christmas Party clothes on **Thursday 19<sup>th</sup> December 2019**. The staff have organised a lovely day for all of the children involving games, activities and a special visitor!

#### Christmas Show

This year our children will perform a variety of Christmas songs for your enjoyment on **Friday 13<sup>th</sup> December 2019 at 11.15am/2.15pm**. All families have received two tickets free of charge. Additional tickets can now be purchased through Parent Pay for £2.50 on a first come first served basis. Doors will open fifteen minutes before the performance begins.

#### Bookbug

This week is our last Bookbug session until the new year. Sessions will resume on **Tuesday 14<sup>th</sup> January 2020**.

#### Transition

As part of our transition programme, our pre-school children will be making regular visits to Primary 1. This will allow for a seamless transition and for your children to develop in confidence, and to be secure and happy in their new surroundings. The programme starts this term with our Early Intervention officer Ms Piggott coming in to the nursery to work with the staff and children. In Term 3 the children will go in to Primary One for weekly 'Reading Buddy' visits.

#### Parent Council

A very big thank you to our Parent Council for their hard work and dedication to our school. Your support and commitment to the school is truly appreciated by us all. Our annual Christmas Fayre raised a fabulous £1214! Thank you to our Parent Council for pulling this together for us, to all of our parent helpers for their support on the day, our helpers from S6 at Trinity High School and thank you to all of our families for coming along and supporting our school. The proceeds from this event as always will be used to benefit the children in a variety of ways throughout the year.

#### Speech & Language Therapy Drop-In Advice Clinics

These are for children and families living in Renfrewshire. The local venue is The Aranthrue Centre (Paisley Road) between 10am and 12noon on the 2nd Friday of the month: **10<sup>th</sup> January 2020**  
**14<sup>th</sup> February 2020, 13<sup>th</sup> March 2020, 10<sup>th</sup> April 2020 – No clinic**. For more information contact 0141 314 4601

#### Car Park

Our Car Park is for **staff parking only** we respectfully ask you not to park there. There have been occasions in which parents have parked in areas that block prams and buggies. I will be monitoring this closely.

### **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. A very big thank you to Mr O'Neill for doing more than required to keep our families safe. Mrs Henry is very grateful to have the best janitor in Paisley!

### **Primary 1 Registration**

Children who reach 5 years of age between 1 March 2020 and 28 February 2021 inclusive should be registered for education in their catchment school as follows:

- **Pupils whose surnames begin with the letters A - L** should be registered on **Wednesday 15 January 2020**
- **Pupils whose surnames begin with the letters M - Z** should be registered on **Thursday 16 January 2020**

Registration will take place between 1pm - 3pm on those dates.

Parents should produce their child's birth certificate and **two proofs of residence** which must include: Council Tax notice for your property or proof that you have registered for Council Tax at that property, and a letter from your solicitor confirming that missives have been concluded or a rent book for rented property, tenancy agreement or mortgage/bank statement.

**Original documents must be produced.**

You must register your child in only one school - either the denominational or non-denominational school in your catchment area.

### **School Holiday**

The school will close on **Friday 20<sup>th</sup> December at 2.30pm** and will reopen to staff and parents on **Monday 6<sup>th</sup> January 2020**.

### **Thank you**

I would like to say a very big thank you to the **incredible** staff team here at St Catherine's for their hard work and commitment to our school. To our families for their support and contribution to positive changes for our school and most of all to our children who make us proud every day through their excellent behaviour and aspirations for themselves and each other. We wish our families a wonderful festive period! #attainachieveaspire

### **Dates for your Diary!**

#### **December**

- 12 School closed for Election
- 13 Christmas Show
- 17 Pyjama Day
- 19 Christmas Party
- 20 School closes for Christmas break **2.30pm**

#### **January**

- 6 School opens to staff and children
- 15 Primary 1 registration
- 16 Primary 1 registration

## 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

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Parent's Signature \_\_\_\_\_

Date \_\_\_\_\_

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***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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