



St. Catherine's Early Learning and Childcare Class Newsletter

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Holiday

The school will close for the October break on Thursday 10th October as Friday 11th in an in-service day for staff. We will re-open to pupils on Monday 21st October. Well done to all of our children for a fantastic first term!

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 snacks. Donations can be made through Parent Pay.

Collection

If you are not collecting your child from nursery and it is not someone we know we will ask you to provide a password. The password will change each time this happens. Please make sure you inform staff of who is picking up your child from nursery even if it is a parent we know and ensure your contact details are kept up to date. Many thanks. Please remember if your child enters nursery at 8.30am the collection time is 11.40am.

Change of Clothes

Please remember that children are out and about in all weathers so please ensure children come to nursery dressed for this. We would appreciate a change of clothes and shoes for your child too.

Car Park Pledge

You will have noticed the new banners around the school promoting safe parking. We are committed to keeping our children safe and remind you that **the car park is for staff only**. Thank you for your assistance with this.

Bookbug

Bookbug sessions will continue every Tuesday morning 11.15am-11.45am and Thursday afternoon 3.15pm-3.45pm. Please try to come along! The children thoroughly enjoy spending this time with their parents/carers and we love having you too!

Walking group

Our next walk is an autumn walk to Barshaw Park and is planned for:

- **Tuesday 29th October on entry to nursery**

Please join your child if you can!

Daisy Room and Busy Bee Room Open Day

Thank you to all who attended our open day. It was great to see so many of our parents/carers taking the time to find out more about your child's learning journey. If you did not attend and would like the opportunity to see your child's profile please speak to your key worker.

Learning Experiences

Our Busy Bees have been enjoying mark making across all areas, they have enjoyed listening to stories in a variety of ways. Outdoors they have been using the blocks to build interesting structures, they have been making dens, practising their ball skills and having fun on the bikes. They have been baking a variety of foods for snack including, oatcakes and scones. Our new book of the month is 'The Smeds and the Smoos' this is in response to the children's interest in space, stars and planets. Our children now have great plans to make a solar system!

Our Daisy Room are settling in to their new routine beautifully. They have been developing their fine motor skills through finger painting, threading and completing jigsaws. They have been out and about on local area walks using public transport and learning about autumn time whilst on lovely nature walks.

Halloween

All children will enjoy a Halloween party in nursery during the morning/afternoon of Thursday 31st October. Pupils may wear their costumes to nursery.

Dates for your diary

October

10	School closes
21	School opens
31	Halloween Parties

November

18	Book Week Scotland
21	Term 2 Open Day

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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