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September 2020 Early Learning Childcare Class Newsletter

Dear Parents/ Carers,

Session Times

Thank you for your continuing to support our new drop off and pick up times. The streets around the school are much less congested as parents are arriving at their allocated times. Adults are asked not to gather at the school crossing and avoid parking in the side street, adjacent to the school/Nursery gates, as this can also cause congestion & put children's lives at risk when they are crossing the road. It is also proving difficult for the patrollers to maintain physical distancing. Only one adult may accompany Nursery & P1 children into the playground each day and are asked to leave the school grounds as quickly as possible. Adults are not allowed access to the school building at any time.

Please remember... If your child is going to be absent from nursery you should contact us before 9.30am or 1pm for afternoon sessions (Wednesday). Renfrewshire Council policy is that if a child is absent without us knowing why then we must contact the family. If we are unable to do so we must inform HQ.

It is therefore very important that you inform us if you or your emergency contact change mobile phone numbers. Thank you for your co-operation in this matter.

Parents Pay

If you have not yet done so, please activate your child/children's Parent Pay account. The school office will no longer routinely handle cash. There may be an occasional school event where cash payments will be accepted but this will be an exception rather than normal practice. Please contact the school office on 0300 300 0181 if you need further assistance.

Healthy Choices & Lunches

Just a reminder that St Charles' Primary School & ELCC is a NUT FREE ZONE. Please ensure that you child's lunch does not consist of any food containing nuts e.g. Nutella, Kinder Bueno.

Hot meal choices are now available for lunches daily except on a Wednesday. The children will begin eating their lunches in the dinner hall from October. Opportunities to purchase a packed lunch/dinner from the school can be done through Parent Pay, as the school/Nursery are now operating a cashless system. All packed lunches from home should be in a lunch box, with child's name clearly written and should be taken home and washed daily. **All children should come to Nursery with a packed lunch unless they are entitled to 1140hrs & free school meals.**

Administration of Medication during the nursery day

It is accepted that some pupils may need to take medication (or be given it) during the nursery day at some time in their nursery life. Often this need will be for a very short period for some pupils or it may be longer.

Medication should however only be taken to nursery when absolutely essential.

Please note the following points-

- Medication will only be given by staff on completion of a Parental Permission Form (speak to a member of staff)
- Nursery staff will not administer non-prescribed medication to pupils (e.g. over the counter medicine such as, CALPOL, Nurofen etc.)
- **All medications must have a pharmacy label.**

Children requiring antibiotics should either remain at home when the illness is acute or, when attending school, dosage arrangements should be worked out to allow the antibiotic to be taken before and after nursery wherever possible.

Children with asthma - Parents must ensure their child brings an inhaler to Nursery. This will be stored in a medical cabinet and will be administered if and when required by staff.

Personal belongings & Outdoor Learning

Children are experiencing both indoor & outdoors learning opportunities each day in nursery. We would ask that all children come to fully prepared to be outside in all weathers and that the children wear comfortable/suitable clothing, as well as, a change of clothing in the event of an accident. We ask that your child brings a suitable outdoor jacket & welly boots and were possible waterproof outdoor clothing. Children should bring their wellies in a bag, large enough for the wellies to fit inside & zipped and must be taken home at the end of each day and washed down. It is essential that all clothing & footwear have your child's name clearly marked on them so they can be identified.

Sun protection – it is essential that your child comes to Nursery with their own sun cream and hat in their bag. Where possible, it would be advised that sun cream is applied prior to your child coming to Nursery and can be topped up if required throughout the day.

Nursery Newsletters

Nursery newsletters and topic letters will be available on School App for Parents – available on apple & android devices. If you haven't already downloaded this, please do so at the earliest convenience. The information School App is an important means of home/school communication. Push notifications are regularly used to issue reminders. School office staff are available to help parents if they are having problems with the App. If you do not have access to the App you can request an email copy of the newsletter. Please let nursery staff know if this is an option for you. Twitter has proved to be a very helpful means of home/school communication during the recent school/Nursery closure period. If you are a social media user school information is regularly updated on Twitter. Please follow us @stcharlespais

Pupil Progress Reporting & Information evening

There will be an information evening on Wednesday 23rd September 2020. Due to COVID -19 restrictions this will be carried out via see-saw. All parents will receive information about their child's progress from 3:45pm onwards. A further pupil progress event will take place via telephone conversation week beginning 5th October 2020. Staff will arrange a suitable date and time.

Dates for your diary which are specific to the Nursery.

23.09.19 Early years pupil progress & Information evening
25.09.19 Holiday
28.09.19 Holiday2
05.10.19 - Pupil progress week
12.10.19 – 16.10.19 - October week holiday
19.10.20 - Staff In - service day
20.10.20 - School reopens
28.10.19 – Virtual Parent Council AGM meeting at 6.30pm via SKYPE
30.11.20 – St Andrews Day holiday
21.12.20 – 06.01.21 – Christmas holidays

Kind regards

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