

November 2020 Nursery Newsletter

Dear Parents,

Thank you for your continued efforts at drop off and pick up times. All adults are advised to wear face coverings during these times and should be keeping a 2 metre distance from others. Information about wearing masks can be found on our school App and school website. With Track & Trace in St Charles' Primary and ELCC we would like to reassure parents that we are doing everything we can to minimise risks and keep everyone safe. If you require any further information please see the link below.

<https://www.gov.scot/collections/coronavirus-covid-19-guidance>

Start and Stop times

We are delighted to inform you that from Tuesday 1st December 2020 we will be trialling new start and stop times for ELCC. Start times will be staggered from 8:45am – 9:00am and then 2:45pm – 3:00pm Monday – Friday, Wednesday 8:45am – 12:10pm, 12:20pm – 3:35pm. Details for each groups start and stop time will be posted on seesaw next week. Thank you for your co-operation.

P1 Registration 2021 -22

School registration has taken place **online** between **2nd November to 9th November** at www.renfrewhirecouncil.gov.uk. Any child who is 5 years of age between 1 March 2021 and 29 February 2022 inclusive should be enrolled for school. Parents/carers must provide satisfactory documentary evidence of the age of their child and that their family reside within the catchment area of the school. **If you have not registered your child, you must do so immediately!**

This evidence includes: Child's full Birth Certificate, Most recent Council Tax Notice or if not currently resident in the property either a concluded missive or a signed and witnessed tenancy agreement/lease. Child Benefit Statement - In the event that a Child Benefit Statement is not available, a Driving Licence or a Bank Statement/utility bill showing transactions over the most recent 3 months and the applicant's address may be accepted. Or If appropriate to current circumstances - Court Order / Looked After Child / Foster Carer document(s) and Roman Catholic Baptismal Certificate (if applicable) **Please note no child can be enrolled without the correct documentation.**

Reporting to parents

Thank you to everyone who had the opportunity to speak to the nursery staff about their child's progress during our first virtual Parent appointments in October. I hope you found this beneficial!

Parent Hub

Do you have spare time and would like to be involved!

The Parent Hub AGM took place last week and I am delighted to announce that Raymond Quinn was voted in as Chairperson of the Parent Hub, Anji McAleer will continue as Vice Chairperson and Michelle McElwaine will continue as Treasurer. We are very lucky to have such an active Parent Hub who do so much for our children. A big THANK YOU!! from everyone in the school community. They will soon be organising fundraising donation drops in the run up to Christmas.

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.

Information Updates

We are keen for all parents to download our school APP which is suitable for apple & android phones. We regularly share information via the APP. Please search for **School App for Parents** in the Google Play or Apple App Store. When you have downloaded the app please search for our school name to see our dates, news & receive messages. Please also follow the school TWITTER page @stcharlespais for regular updates



Parent pay

Parent pay has been set up to allow your child to purchase school meals if you choose to do so. There is an opportunity to make a voluntary contribution to school funds also and this can be done by selecting the pay other items drop box.

Fundraising event

Our Christmas Jingle walk will take place on Wednesday 9th December 2020. The children and staff will walk around the school grounds with their musical instruments and playing Christmas music, due to the COVID-19 restrictions, Parents are not allowed to participate this year. Sorry! A sponsor form will be sent home week beginning the 16th November 2020. Children can wear something red or sparkly for this event.

Christmas parties

Our Christmas parties will take place on Wednesday 16th December 2020. The children can wear their party clothes.

Dates for your diary

- 02.11.20 - 09.11.20 Registration week for new P1 children.
- 16.11.20 – 20.11.20 Diwali week
- 23.11.20 – 27.11.20 Scottish week
- 30.11.20 St Andrews Day holiday – school & Nursery closed
- 01.12.20 New start and stop times begin
- 09.11.20 Christmas Jingle walk (staff and children only)
- 18.12.20 School and Nursery closes at 2.30pm for holiday
- 06.01.20 School and Nursery re-open