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Aug/Sept 24 Early Learning Childcare Class Newsletter

Dear Parents/ Carers,

We would like to extend a very warm welcome back to St Charles' ELCC for a new term. A special welcome to all our new children and their families. We look forward to getting to know you as we all work together to ensure that our ELCC provides the very best possible experiences for your child.

We would like to extend a warm welcome to Lee Brady one of our new members of staff who has joined us at the start of term. Sadly, we say goodbye to two of our members of staff, Shameela Tariq who was our Senior Early Learning Childcare Officer and Nicola Cavanagh our Early Learning Childcare Officer. We would like to wish both Shameela and Nicola best wishes as they move onto pastures new and thank them both for the excellent care and dedication that they demonstrated during their time at St Charles' ELCC.

Attendance

Please remember.... If your child is going to be absent from our ELCC you should contact the school office before 9.30am or email school enquiries stcharlesenquires@renfrewshire.gov.uk. 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.

Healthy Choices & Lunches

Following the Scottish Government 1140 hrs Expansion scheme, all children who attend our ELCC are entitled to a free school meal each day. The lunch menu varies with a two-week menu of various food choices. It is vitally important that you discuss food choices with your child to ensure the menu is suitable for your child's dietary requirements. Alternatively, please provide your child with a packed lunch from home, this will prevent your child being hungry if they don't eat the food provided. All packed lunches from home should be in a lunch box, with your child's name clearly written and should be taken home and washed daily. We now have several children across the Nursery & school who suffer from Nut allergies, which are very serious & could in fact prove fatal. Parents are asked not to allow their child to bring anything to Nursery that may contain nuts e.g. Kinder Bueno bars & Nutella.

The safety and well-being of all children can only be guaranteed if together we make St Charles' Primary School & ELCC a NUT FREE ZONE.

Snacks

Snack is provided daily free of charge funded by the Scottish Government. Each child is entitled to **milk/water** and **one piece of fruit only** each day. It is important that your child eats their breakfast prior to them attending ELCC each day as no other snack items will be provided. If your child requires additional food for medical or any other reason it is the responsibility of parent/carers to provide these each day. Please alert staff and provide them with additional information/ snacks for your child.

Voluntary Contributions

To allow your child to access a wide range of learning experiences within our ELCC, a voluntary contribution of £3 per week can be made via our cashless Parent Pay app. Parent pay letters will be issued to all parents over the coming weeks.

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 Nursery wearing comfortable/suitable clothing, as well as, a change of clothing in the event of an accident. We have a selection of outdoor jackets and waterproofs for children to wear. It is essential that all clothing & footwear have your child's name clearly marked on them so they can be identified.

Personal Care

All nappies, pull ups', nappy sacks and wet wipes **MUST** be provided by parents and sent in with your child each day. A change of clothing is essential especially children who are following a toilet training programme.

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's name to see our dates, news & receive messages.

Please also follow the school TWITTER page @stcharlespais for regular updates.



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camera to download our
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Carparking: Adults collecting children may not park in the school carpark or arrange for taxis to collect in the school carpark. Only taxis contracted by Renfrewshire Council are permitted to do so.



To keep all children safe please do not park opposite the entrance gates (School or Nursery). Please remind your child to take care when crossing roads and walking through residential areas, especially if unaccompanied by an adult, as we must always respect the homes & gardens of our neighbours.



No dogs are permitted in the school grounds at any time

Parent Hub

Do you have spare time and would like to find out what is happening in the school & ELCC?

The Parent Hub are involved in various fundraising events & activities every school year. They are used as a consultative body to represent the views of the wider parent population. The group hold regular meetings each year & all parents are welcome to attend any or all meetings. The next meeting will be held in the school on Wednesday 9th October 2024 6.30pm. Please consider coming along to the meeting, you will be made to feel most welcome. Geri Taylor (Mum to Matthew in P5) is currently the Chairperson of the Parent Hub. Geri will lead the discussion on events and fundraising ideas & events which may be planned for this session.

Kind regards

Pauline Kelly
Depute Head Teacher

Date	Event	Target Group
Fri 26 th - Mon 30 th September	HOLIDAY – SCHOOL CLOSED	All pupils
Tue 1 st Oct	School reopens	All pupils
Fri 11 th – Fri 18 th Oct	OCTOBER WEEK HOLIDAY & in- service day – SCHOOL/ELCC CLOSED	All pupils
Mon 21 st Oct	School reopens	All pupils
Thur 31 st Oct	Halloween celebrations	All pupils
Mon 1 st Dec	St Andrews Day – School/ELCC closed	All pupils

