

St Peter's Early Learning and Childcare

August 2018 Newsletter



Welcome

We would like to welcome all our families back to nursery and hope you all had a lovely summer holiday. We would like to take this opportunity to welcome our new children and families to our service and hope you all have a very positive experience here at St Peters.

Staff Team

We would like to welcome Katrina back into the 2-3 room and welcome our New Early Years Teacher Cara, who will be working alongside staff to support literacy and numeracy throughout learning.

Personal Information

We require to have relevant and up to date personal information of all children and families, please ensure any changes to contact numbers, address and work contacts are reported to nursery staff and school office. We would appreciate any forms to be completed and handed back to a staff member as soon as possible.

Music

We are focusing on music throughout the curriculum and are keen to implement new music programmes to enhance literacy and numeracy. If any parents or family members have any interest in music or can play an instrument we would be happy for you to come into the nursery to work with the children and staff.

Family Photographs

Throughout the nursery we are hoping to enhance our families and children's sense of belonging, to implement this, we would welcome any photographs you have of your child with family members and pets. These photographs will be displayed along our corridor. We would appreciate all your help in developing this.

Activity Fund and Wrap around Costs

Our activity fund is used to help purchase healthy snacks and drinks as well as contributing to special events such as trips/outings and events. We ask for a small voluntary contribution of £3.00 per week or it can be donated each term, the cost for term 1 is £24.00. We greatly appreciate this donation.

We do not collect money for additional hours/wrap around care. The cost of these hours are billed directly to you from Renfrewshire council, but we keep a signed record of the hours agreed by you.

Parent Fundraising Committee

We have had an excellent Parent Fund Raising Committee who have donated their time to organise termly events and fundraisers, which have benefited all our children. Unfortunately, due to some children moving on into Primary 1, we have lost some of our Parent Fundraising Members and we are currently looking for new members to join. The Role of our Committee is to raise funds to provide extra events and gifts for our children including Christmas gifts, Graduation gifts. By joining the Parent Fundraising Committee, it will allow yourself to consult on up and coming events and issues relevant to the life of our nursery, while building and establishing positive relationships between parents.

We will display the date for the first Parent Committee meeting on our Committee wall. At this meeting we hope to discuss what our current funds can be used towards and decide on future fundraising ideas.

Health and Safety

We aim to provide a safe and secure environment for our children to play and learn in. Our policies are in the reception area and are continually reviewed and updated in consultation with parents/carers and staff. These are also available on the school website.

We would also like to remind parents/carers to contact the School Office if your child is unwell or unable to attend their nursery session as soon as possible, it is our Policy to contact absent children on their first day of absence. Our contact number is 0141-884 2855

Weekly Events/Routine

Both the Butterfly Room (2-3) and Littler Learners Room (3-5) will issue children with a library book each week, these books are to be used at home and brought back the following week. Each bag contains an evaluation form which we would appreciate you to complete along with your child. Both rooms make use of our School Library and we are currently making links with our Local Library and hope to establish weekly or fortnightly visits. We are also hoping to participate in our Local Library Book Bug Sessions.

Both rooms will continue to make good use of the School Gym Hall which offers a large space for physical exercise. We would encourage parents to ensure suitable indoor shoes are provided and worn.

We are hoping to build up a positive relationships with our Local Care Home, where children can visit and take part in various activities and experiences with the residents.

Uniforms

Nursery uniforms are available online from Tesco Embroidery Service - [tesco.com/ues](https://www.tesco.com/ues), where 5% cashback is donated to the nursery funds with every purchase.

2 year old Places

We have spaces within our 2 year old Room (Butterfly Room). If you are aware of a parent who would like to apply for a place please encourage them to pick up an application form from the school office. Please see below for criteria for a place.

- Income support
- Jo seekers allowance (income based)
- Employment and support allowance (income based)
- Incapacity benefit or severe disablement allowance
- State pension credit

A place can also be supported by a referral from your Health Visitor. For further information or advice please speak to a member of nursery staff or our School Office.

Dates for Diary

Maths Week	10 th September - 14 th September
September weekend closed	21 st September - 24 th September
Return	25 th September
Photographs	01 st October