**St Catherine’s Primary School**

**Love Respect Kindness Inclusion Trust**

**November Newsletter**

Dear Parents/Carers,

Here we are into Term 2 already and the nights are drawing in. It’s been a challenging start to the year and I am very grateful to our whole school community for working together to keep Coronavirus away from our school. We have had one positive case since our return in August and that was managed very efficiently by school staff and public health. We need to continue to be vigilant and focus on the advice from the Scottish Government and ensure we are all following the rules as the winter season approaches.

***Safety of our children***

Can I please remind all parents/ carers **please do not park on the Zig Zags outside the school.**

**We launched our latest Road Safety Campaign and introduced our new JRSO this week on Social Media.**

Please be mindful in the dark mornings that you do not drop off on the Zig Zags and please do not turn your car in the road outside the school.

**Can I also remind you that all parents and carers are not able to enter the school building due to current restrictions. Please call the office to make an appointment before coming to the school office.**

***COVID UPDATE***

* ***FACE COVERINGS – thank you for your on-going support in wearing face coverings in the playground. We are all working together to play our part***
* ***SOCIAL DISTANCING – please ensure when you are in the yard you maintain 2m distance from anyone that is not in your own household. PLEASE ONLY HAVE ONE ADULT TO COLLECT A CHILD.***
* ***Please ensure you follow staggered start and finish times and send older children in for these to reduce the amount of time children and adults are in the yard in the mornings.***
* ***HAND HYGIENE – please use hand sanitizer before and after entering the school grounds and avoid touching our face.***

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***Outdoor Education and play***

******In line with current guidelines we encourage the children, where possible, to be outside for breaks and lunchtime. Please ensure the children have a winter jacket on to keep them warm. As the days get colder it may also be necessary for the children to wear additional warmer layers to school as we still need to keep classroom windows open for effective ventilation. Children can wear additional zipper jackets or t shires and layers under jumpers to keep them warm in class whenever required.

Although we are now beginning to bring PE indoors we are not able to use the changing rooms. Please ensure children still come to school on PE days in Dark joggers and school jumper on top. Please remind children PE days are NOT non uniform days. Please adhere to the PE uniform and avoid branded items.

***Water***

Water is so important for keeping your child hydrated throughout the day. Please encourage your child to bring their water bottle to school each day with fresh plain water. They can keep their water on their desk and drink it throughout the day.

***Our Nurturing School***

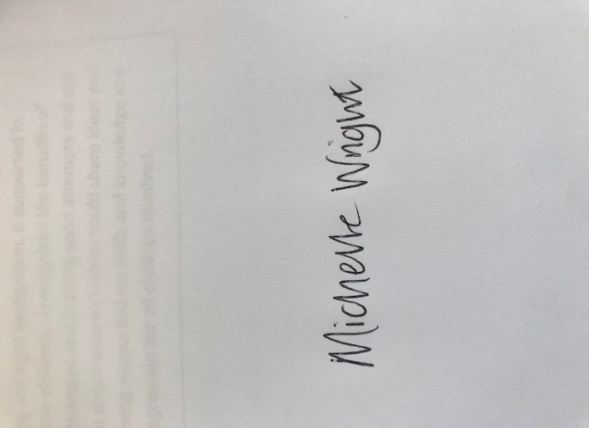
As part of our work developing a calm and nurturing ethos in the school our Nurture School Working Group are looking for the donation of items to make our classes look more homely and warm. We are looking for things like lamps, plants, photo frames etc. If you have anything like this you no longer need please get in touch with the school office and we could arrange collection and covid secure storage before moving into classes. The working group thank you in advance for any support you can give.

Mass

Our upper children have been getting the opportunity to attend mass in small groups. We also have lead the Holy Rosary in the month of October in church. Father Gallagher joined us in school this week for a special P6 launch mass for The Pope Francis Award. All masses are recorded and posted on the St Catherine Laboure Facebook Page and if you want to book online to attend mass the link is <https://weekend-masses-booking.eventbrite.co.uk/>

*If you wish to contact me about anything in this newsletter please don’t hesitate to get in touch.*

*Best Wishes*,



*Michelle Wright*

*Headteacher*

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