



## St Margaret of Scotland Primary, Language Communication Support Centre & Nursery

August Newsletter - 2020  
School telephone number - 01236632102

### HEAD TEACHERS MESSAGE



Welcome back everyone!

I am delighted to report that our new P1 children have settled in so well and are really enjoying school. All of our children are looking very smart in their new uniforms and black shoes. They are a credit to yourselves and thank you for your co-operation in wearing shirts and ties. May I also take this opportunity to offer a warm welcome to our new members of the school community, pupils, staff and parents/carers.

### IMPORTANT NEWS

As you will be aware, schools are now operating under "The New Normal".

Please read the following information very carefully so that you are up to date with our new procedures and protocols.

Parents are NOT permitted to enter the school buildings (P4-P7 parents are currently permitted into the yard at home times only during the on-going construction works - these parents are asked to wait, socially distanced in the red holding zone).

Parents are required to telephone the school if they wish to speak to a member of the SMT as unfortunately you are not permitted to visit the school at this time.

- Staggered start and end times

• 8.50 - 2.50	9.00 - 3.00	9.10 - 3.10
P7 & P6/7 (arrive via Broomlands Road walkway)	P6 & P5 (arrive via Broomlands Road walkway)	P4 (arrive via Broomlands Road walkway)
P3 (arrive via Beechwood Road walkway)	P2/3 (arrive via Beechwood Road walkway)	P1 & P1/2 (arrive via Beechwood Road walkway)
P3a & P3b (arrive via LCSC yard)	P2a & P2b (arrive via LCSC yard)	P1a & P1b (arrive via LCSC yard)

- Breakfast Club 8.15 start. Please remind you child to sanitise their hands when entering for breakfast club.
- Day Cleaner - we currently have a day cleaner within the school as an enhanced safety measure. The day cleaner will wipe down desks and touch points. Your child will be washing and sanitising regularly throughout the day.
- Cashless - In response to the current Covid-19 crisis it has been decided that where possible cash should be removed from schools. For the last 3 years we have been encouraging parents/carers to sign up to utilise the IpayImpact online system. Our new pupils will receive their information letter later this week.
- Out of School Hours Learning - these are paused for the time being.
- Choir - this is paused for the time being.
- Assemblies - as you will be aware Miss Love and Mr Duffy would normally have an assembly every Friday morning however, we are not permitted to do so at present.
- Social distancing - the latest scientific advice from the Scottish Government is that there is no requirement for Primary aged pupils to socially distance. All school staff however, should maintain a 2 metre distance between themselves and other adults and where possible the pupils
- Outdoor Play - We plan to deliver more outdoor learning as medical guidance tells us that the risk of transmission of the virus is **significantly** less when outdoors. PE is currently not permitted to take place within the school therefore you will be asked to send your child dressed suitably for PE (weather dependent) here is a suggested list:-
  - (1) Outdoor trainers
  - (2) Shorts and T-Shirt (sunny weather)

- (3) Jogging trousers and sweatshirt/hoodies (cooler weather)
- (4) Waterproof jacket (rainy weather)

Class	Achieve More Day	Other HWB Day
P7	Friday (9am)	Wednesday (1.45pm)
P6	Thursday (1.45pm)	Monday (9am)
P6/7	Friday (9am)	Tuesday (1.45pm)
P.5	Wednesday (1.45pm)	Thursday (9am)
P4	Monday (1.45pm)	Thursday (1.45pm)
P3	Thursday (9am)	Wednesday (1.45pm)
P2/3	Tuesday (1.45pm)	Friday (9am)
P1/2	Friday (1.45pm)	Thursday (1.45pm)
P1	Friday (1.45pm)	Thursday (1.45pm)
P1a & P1b	Wednesday (9am)	Friday (1.45pm)
P2a & P2b	Tuesday (9am)	Thursday (1.45pm)
P3a & P3b	Monday (9am)	Wednesday (1.45pm)

- Resources - children can bring their own school bag with lunch and snacks from home. Mrs Brown has been really busy organising a pencil case for every child in the school to ensure that resources are not being shared. Every child has their own tray containing their own learning equipment. Pupils will be able to take reading books and homework resources home. During this time we will use two jotters only - 1 language and 1 maths. Ventilation - where possible we will ensure that doors and windows are kept open to ensure that natural flow of ventilation and to reduce unnecessary  
**NO** games or toys to be brought into school from home.

## PARENT COUNCIL MEETING/AGM

Our Parent Council are very pro-active in fundraising and supporting your child.

They also have a very active Twitter Page. Our current members of the Parent Council are:-

We will be in touch re AGM etc as we are awaiting further guidance.

### School Uniform

Could I please remind you to LABEL your child's clothes. We already have missing jumpers and children have taken home the wrong items of clothing. Please ensure that all items including clothing, footwear, bags and packed lunch boxes/bags are labelled with your child's name.



### Indoor Shoes

Children are required to change into suitable indoor footwear. Plimsolls are preferable. Indoor shoes that no longer fit or "past their best" will be sent home to let parents know they are no longer suitable.

### Communication

It is vitally important that we have clear and effective communication systems with parents.



We have our Twitter feed which is updated on a daily basis. We share learning and experiences with you via photographs etc. We now have over 1,300 followers. Please follow us [@SMOSPrimary](https://twitter.com/SMOSPrimary)

We would strongly recommend that you follow your child's class on Twitter especially during this pandemic as we cannot invite you into the school at this time.

We also have our school website <https://blogs.glowscotland.org.uk/nl/smos/>

### Good to Be Green

The current Good to Be Green behaviour system is currently paused as we are not permitted to send home the weekly behaviour cards.

We will however, continue to promote positive behaviour within every class.

Last week the children made their class charter and rules based on our "New Normal" and Covid Procedures.

If your child is not following the class rules you will be contacted by a member of the Management Team.

Please chat with your children about their classroom rules and encourage them to follow them. We really appreciate your co-operation in this matter.

### Water Bottles

We encourage children to bring a water bottle to school each day to keep them hydrated during lessons. Please note that **only** water is permitted.



Children should take them home each night to be washed. It is recommended that bottles be 'BPA Free' and that they are washed with soapy water each night.

The re-use of disposable water bottles is not recommended.

Children can bring metal water bottles or flasks but glass bottles are not permitted.

### Fizzy Drinks

Cans/bottles of carbonated drinks, including energy drinks are **NOT** permitted.



### Mobile Phones / Electronic Devices

Please ensure your child does **NOT** bring their mobile phones to school.

If you need to be in contact with your child in the course of the school day for any reason, you should proceed through the usual channel, which is through the school office. We are always very happy to pass on a message or let your child know of any unexpected change of arrangements for home time.



### Sickness and Diahorrea



Please note that children experiencing these symptoms should not return to school for **48 hours** following the last period of sickness/diahorrea

### COVID-19 - NHS Guidelines

Symptoms - the main symptoms are:-

- A high temperature
- A new continuous cough - this means coughing a lot, for more than an hour, or 3 more coughing episodes in 24 hours
- a loss or change to sense or smell or taste - this means they cannot smell or taste anything, or things smell or taste different to normal.

### **What to do if your child has symptoms**

If your child has any of the main symptoms of coronavirus:

- Get a test to check if they have coronavirus as soon as possible
- Stay at home and do not have visitors until you get your test result - only leave your home to have the test.
- Anyone you live with, and anyone in your support bubble, must also stay at home until you get the result.

### **Important**

Get advice from NHS 111 if you are worried about your child or not sure what to do

## GENERAL NEWS



### **Nut Free Zone**

Within St Margaret of Scotland Primary School we have several children who are extremely allergic to any kind of nuts, so I would ask you to be particularly vigilant with snacks and packed lunches.

### **Head lice**

Be extra vigilant and check your child's hair regularly.



### **Make Up /Nail Varnish**

Please be aware that the wearing of nail varnish to school is not encouraged.

The wearing of 'make up' is NOT permitted. Any child wearing 'make up' to school will be asked to remove it immediately.



### **Jewellery**

For reasons of health and safety jewellery should **not** be worn to school.

For those children with ears pierced, please note that small studs only are permitted. Children will be asked to remove all other jewellery.

NB. Stud earrings should be removed on PE days and in the case of recently pierced ears then these should be covered with tape.

## STAFF UPDATE

Congratulations to Miss McBain who got married in August - she is now Mrs Dempsey.

Here is our staffing for this year -

Miss Love	Head Teacher
Mr Duffy	Acting Depute Head Teacher
Miss Dempsey	Principal Teacher
Mrs Jack	Principal Teacher
Mrs Mason	P1 (Mon, Tues, Wed & Thurs) Miss Gattenby (Friday's)
Mrs Blair	P1/2
Miss Smart	P2/3
Mrs Johnstone	P3
Miss McAuley	P4
Miss Frew/Miss Hughes	P5
Miss Elliott/Mrs Dempsey	P6
Miss Gamson	P6/7
Mrs McGregor	P7
Mrs Williams	P1a LCSC
Miss Patrick	P1b LCSC
Mrs Kyle/Mrs Shaw	P2 (a) LCSC (Mrs Kyle - Mon -Wed)
Miss Sneddon	P2b LCSC
Miss MacDougall	P3a LCSC
Miss McPhail	P3b LCSC
Mrs Magee	Assessment Class
Miss Shields	Early Learning Practitioner (Assessment Class)
Mrs Reddick	Literacy Coach
Mrs Degnan	NCCT
Miss Gattenby	NCCT
Mrs McGrath	Lead Practitioner - Early Years
Ms Healy	Early Learning Practitioner
Mrs More	Early Learning Practitioner
Miss Arthur	Early Learning Practitioner

Mrs Brown	Snr Clerical Asst	Mrs Cooper	Clerical Asst
Mrs Murray	C/room Asst	Mrs Marshall	ASNA
Mrs Scott	ASNA	Miss Simpson	ASNA
Mrs Angus	ASNA	Mrs Griffin	ASNA
Mrs Lumsden	ASNA	Mrs Donohoe	ASNA
Mrs Ferrie	ASNA	Mrs McKenna	ASNA
Mrs Beard	ASNA	Mrs Anderson	ASNA
Mrs Lorimer	ASNA	Mrs Whelan	ASNA
Mr Cahill	Janitor		

## Dates to Remember

Friday 25<sup>th</sup> & Monday 28<sup>th</sup>  
Monday 12<sup>th</sup> - Friday 16<sup>th</sup>

September Weekend (School Closed)  
October Break

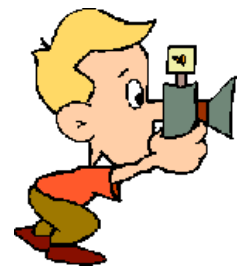


## Tempest Photography

Tempest photography will be visiting the school on:-

**Tuesday 29<sup>th</sup> September** for individual and family groups  
photographs only.

**Thursday 8<sup>th</sup> October** for Class Groups.



With kind regards and best wishes for another successful year in St Margaret of  
Scotland Primary

M Love  
Head Teacher