



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

August Newsletter - 2021
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, we are following NLC guidance re COVID and this will be reviewed in 6 weeks.

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 yard in the mornings. P4-7 parents can collect from the yard and require a FACE COVERING.

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 (arrive via Broomlands Road walkway)	P5/6 & P5 (arrive via Broomlands Road walkway)	P4 (arrive via Broomlands Road walkway)
P3 (arrive via Beechwood Road walkway)	P2 (arrive via Beechwood Road walkway)	P1 & P1/2 (arrive via Beechwood Road walkway)
P3/4a & P3/4b (arrive via LCSC yard)	P2a & P2b (arrive via LCSC yard)	P1a & P1b (arrive via LCSC yard)

- Breakfast Club 8.15 start. Please remind your 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.
- The Voice Project. Jenny will be back with us next week and will work with P4. This will be reviewed in 6 weeks. We hope to be able to resume our Community Choir when the guidelines change. We will keep you posted.
- Assemblies - We are still not permitted to hold school assemblies so these will be done online until the guidelines change.
- 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
- PE - This will be done outside as we cannot use the Gym hall at the moment due to staggered Lunch Breaks.
 - (1) Outdoor trainers
 - (2) Shorts and T-Shirt (sunny weather)
 - (3) Jogging trousers and school jumper (cooler weather)
 - (4) We bought a Waterproof jacket and trousers for all children last year so there is no need to supply this.

Can I ask that you DO NOT send your child in wearing branded clothing on outdoor days as children should wear the school sweatshirt, plain polo shirt and plain joggers.

- Resources - All children have been given a pencil case with everything they need so no need to buy any stationary. Please do not send any TOYS/GAMES from home
- Ventilation - where possible we will ensure that doors and windows are kept open to ensure that natural flow of ventilation and to reduce unnecessary

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 of 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 PCR 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

PARENT COUNCIL MEETING/AGM

Our fabulous Parent Council spent much of their summer painting and refreshing our playground. It looks fabulous and we are extremely grateful to them.

The 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:- Jenna Woodside, Hazel Paterson, Kirsty Jenkins, Greig Brown, Alicia Boe and Ashley O'Connor

We will be in touch re AGM etc as we are awaiting further guidance. They are always looking for new members so please get in contact if you wish join/help out etc.

GOOD TO BE GREEN

Our Good to Be Green positive behaviour system has resumed and we will send the chart home on Fridays. PLEASE SIGN and return for Monday.

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

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



CLD Sessions (Primary 1 & 2 Parents

Our fabulous CLD Worker Lesley Davidson will be available to chat with parents/carers about supporting you & your child!

Examples include financial support, mental health, sleep, homework and routines.

CLD sessions are detailed below:-

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| 1. Wednesday 1 st September @1.45 | "How CLD can support parents & Children" |
| 2. Wednesday 8 th September @ 9.15 | "Homework" |
| 3. Wednesday 15 th September @ 1.45 | "Homework" |
| 4. Wednesday 22 nd September @ 9.15 | "Book Bug & Rhyme" |
| 5. Wednesday 29 th September @ 1.45 | "Book Bug & Rhyme" |



Tempest Photography

Tempest photography will be visiting the school on:-

Monday 6th September for individual and family groups photographs only.



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 1,400 followers. Please follow us @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/>

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

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 Patrick who got married in July - she is now known as Mrs Bell.

Here is our staffing for this year -

Miss Love	Head Teacher
Mr Duffy	Acting Depute Head Teacher
Mrs Dempsey	Principal Teacher (Wed AM, Thurs, Fri)
Mrs Mason	P1 (Mon, Tues, Wed & Thurs) Miss Barchi (Friday's)
Mrs Blair	P1/2
Miss Smart	P2
Mrs Johnstone	P3
Miss McAuley	P4
Miss King	P5
Miss Hughes/Mrs Dempsey	P5/6
Mrs Bowman	P6
Mrs McGregor	P7
Miss Sneddon	P1a LCSC
Mrs Bell	P1b LCSC
Mrs Kyle/Mrs Shaw	P2 (a) LCSC (Mrs Kyle - Mon -Wed)
Miss Frew	P2b LCSC
Mrs Williams	P3/4a LCSC
Miss McPhail	P3/4b LCSC
Mrs Magee	Assessment Class
Miss Duffy	Early Years Support Assistant
Miss Shields	Early Learning Practitioner (Assessment Class)
Mrs Reddick	Literacy Coach
Mrs Lloyd	NCCT
Miss McGurk	NCCT
Miss Barchi	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 Ferrie	ASNA
Mrs McKenna	ASNA	Mrs Beard	ASNA
Mrs Anderson	ASNA	Mrs Lorimer	ASNA
Mrs Whelehan	ASNA		
Mr Cahill	Janitor		

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Friday 24 th & Monday 27 th	September Weekend (School Closed)
Monday 11 th - Friday 15 th (inclusive)	October Break



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

M Love
Head Teacher