



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

August Newsletter - 2022  
School telephone number - 01236632102



Welcome back everyone!

I hope you have all had a lovely Summer.

I am delighted to report that all children have settled in so well and are really enjoying school. The children are looking very smart in their new uniforms and are a credit to yourselves. I would like to thank you all for your cooperation and support in wearing the uniform. I would like to extend a warm welcome to our new members of our school community, pupils, staff and parents/carers.

### Our Staff Team

Here is our staffing for this year -

Miss Love	Head Teacher
Mr Duffy	Depute Head Teacher
Mrs Jack	Principal Teacher (Mon, Tues, Wed)
Mrs Dempsey	Principal Teacher (Wed, Thurs, Fri)
Mrs Mason	P1 (Mon, Tues, Wed & Thurs)
Miss Smart	P1/2
Mrs Johnstone	P2/3
Miss McAuley	P3
Mrs Blair	P4
Miss Shreenan	P5
Miss Low	P5/6
Mrs Jack/Mrs Dempsey	P6
Miss McGurk	P7

Mrs Reddick	Literacy Coach
Mrs Watt	Nurture/ P1 (Friday's)
Miss Hughes	Non-Contact Time (LCSC) Science & Health & Wellbeing
Mr Anderson	Non-Contact Time - Science & Health & Wellbeing
Miss Sneddon	P1a LCSC
Mrs Bell	P1b LCSC
Mrs Kyle/Mrs Shaw	P2 (a) LCSC (Mrs Kyle - Mon -Wed)
Miss Frew	P2b LCSC
Miss O'Donnell	P2C LCSC
Mrs Williams	P2/3 LCSC
Miss McPhail	P3/4 LCSC
Mrs Magee	Assessment Class
Miss Shields	Early Learning Practitioner (Assessment Class)
Lindsay Bonar	NLC4 (Assessment Class)
Mrs McGrath	Lead Practitioner - Early Years
Ms Healy	Early Learning Practitioner
Mrs More	Early Learning Practitioner
Miss Arthur	Early Learning Practitioner
Kerry-Anne O'Connor	NLC4 (Early Years)

Mrs Brown	Snr Clerical Asst	Mrs Cooper	Clerical Asst
Mrs Murray	Learning Support Asst	Mrs Marshall	ASNA
Mrs Scott	ASNA	Miss Simpson	ASNA
Miss Duffy	ASNA	Mrs Griffin	ASNA
Mrs Lumsden	ASNA	Mrs Ferrie	ASNA
Mrs Beard	ASNA	Mrs Anderson	ASNA
Mrs Whelehan	ASNA	Miss McConnell	ASNA
Mr Finlay	Janitor		

## What's On

### Meet the Teacher

You are all invited to come into school on Thursday 1<sup>st</sup> September between 3.15 and 4.15 to meet your child's teacher.

The staff will go over how you can best support your children at home.

### CLD

Our fabulous CLD (Community Learning Development) Worker Lesley Davidson has planned some workshops for parents/carers to how best support their children. These workshops are excellent and I would really encourage parents to attend these.

Lesley also gives advice on financial support, mental health, sleep, homework and routines.

CLD sessions are detailed below:-

Tuesday 23<sup>rd</sup> August - P5 & P6 parents workshop "LIAM" - Let's Introduce Anxiety Management, School Hall 1.45 - 2.45

Monday 29<sup>th</sup> August - P1 parents workshop "Reading with your Child" School Hall 9.15 - 10.00 or 11.00-11.45

Monday 29<sup>th</sup> August - P1 & P2 parent workshop "Bookbug" school hall - 1.45-2.30

Monday 19<sup>th</sup> September - P2 & P3 parent workshop "Reading" school hall -11.00 - 11.45

Monday 19<sup>th</sup> September - Nursery "Bookbug" 1.45 - 2.30



### New Phonics Programme

We are using a new phonics programme to improve reading and spelling. Mrs Colette Currie is supporting us and is holding a workshop for P1 & P2 parents. We really hope that you can come along

Tuesday 20<sup>th</sup> September 2.00 - 3.00pm - P1 & P2 Parent Workshop - Phonics and Reading

Wednesday 21<sup>st</sup> September 6.00 - 7.00pm- P1 & P2 Parent Workshop - Phonics and Reading

### Primary 7 - Special Assembly

I am delighted to invite you to our special Assembly being held in school **Friday 9<sup>th</sup> September** at 2.15 to present badges to our school monitors. A letter will follow.

### The Voice Project

We are delighted that we can now offer The Voice Project (school choir) to all pupils from P4 - P7. Jenny will be back this Thursday 25<sup>th</sup> August at 1.45 and children are excited about this.

If you would like to join, please come along.

This is a really worthwhile activity for you to be involved in, it is fun and relaxing.

### Tempest Photography

Tempest photography will be visiting the school on:-

**Monday 5<sup>th</sup> September** for Class Photographs

**Monday 19<sup>th</sup> September** for individual and family group photographs.



### PARENT COUNCIL MEETING/AGM

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:- Nicola Carr, Jenna Woodside, Kirsty Jenkins, Hazel Paterson, Emma Singh, Lesley

Semple, Pauline Brown, Ashley O'Connor, Andrew Fenwick, Paula Ferns, Lisa Mills, Alicia Boe Nicola Ogden, Samantha Taylor and Ashleigh McGovern

The date of the next AGM is Wednesday 14<sup>th</sup> September 2022 @ 3.15pm

They are always looking for new members so please get in contact if you wish join/help out etc.

The Parent Council have planned a family fun night on 30<sup>th</sup> September @ 7.00pm in the Burrough's Club - more details to follow.

## **School Improvement**

This year our priorities are:-

### **Priority 1 Literacy**

What are we trying to achieve?

We are aiming to increase children's literacy levels.



How are we going to do this?

Increase attendance levels/reduce late-comings

Staff training (teachers from other cluster schools)

Literacy Coach - Mrs Reddick will work with specific groups of children

New Phonics Programme - Staff training, including ASNA's

Parent Workshops

Senior Management Team - classroom literacy observations

Use of our new promethean boards/ICT to enhance teaching and learning

Increase in numbers of children completing literacy homework (We will introduce a homework afterschool club)

### **Priority 2 - Numeracy**

What are we trying to achieve?

We are aiming to increase children's numeracy levels



How are we going to do this?

Increase attendance levels/reduce late-comings

Staff training

Cluster Numeracy Teacher - will work with specific groups of children

Senior Management Team - classroom numeracy observations

Use of our new promethean boards/ICT to enhance teaching and learning

Increase in numbers of children completing numeracy homework (We will introduce a homework afterschool club)

### **Priority 3 - To develop a refreshed Curriculum Rationale, with a focus of Health & Wellbeing**

What are we trying to achieve?

We are aiming to involve parents and carers in how we plan the children's learning to get the best possible curriculum for our community

How are we going to do this?

Audit parents and carers

Parent workshops

Link with Carbrain Primary School and the CORA Foundation

Encourage parents to join the Thursday Choir (The Voice Project)

Increase membership of the Parent Council

Continue to help combat poverty in the community

### **Focus Friday's**

All Children will be involved in a monthly "Focus Friday" Group. The Committee's this year will be:-

Pupil Council

Road Safety

ECO

STEM

Fairtrade

Health & Wellbeing

Gardening

Enterprise

Rights Respecting

Digital Learning

### **Assemblies**

Full school assemblies will resume after the September weekend.

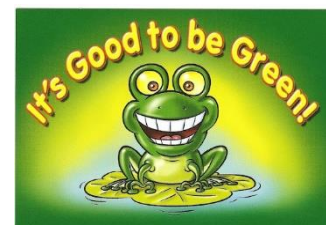
### **School Policies/Procedures**

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

### **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 read the following information very carefully so that you are up to date with our procedures.

- Parents are NOT permitted to enter the yard in the mornings.
- P4-7 parents can collect from the bottom yard **at 3.00pm**
- P1 -P3 parents can collect from the top yard **at 3.00pm**

- Breakfast Club 8.15 start. Children can enter via the safe walkway.
- Cashless - For the last 4 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.

## PE DAYS

P7 - Wednesday and Friday	P6 - Monday and Thursday
P5/6 - Tuesday and Wednesday	P5 - Tuesday and Thursday
P4 - Tuesday and Friday	P3 - Wednesday and Thursday
P2/3 - Monday and Wednesday	P1/2 - Monday and Friday
P1 - Thursday and Friday	
P1A & P1B LCSC - Thursday and Friday	
P2A LCSC - Monday and Friday	
P2B & P2C LCSC - Monday and Wednesday	
P2/3 & P3/4 LCSC - Wednesday and Thursday	



- (1) Jogging trousers and school jumper /cardigan
- (2) We provide a waterproof jacket and trousers for all of our children
- (3) 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.

## 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.

## Personal Belongings

Children are NOT permitted to bring any TOYS/GAMES from home.

## 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 1,589 followers. Please follow us [@SMOSPrimary](#)

We would strongly recommend that you follow your child's class on twitter.

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 phone 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.

## Dates to Remember

Tuesday 23 <sup>rd</sup> August	LIAM Workshop 1.45 - 2.45 (P5 & P6)
Monday 29 <sup>th</sup> August	"Reading with your Child" Workshop 9.15 - 10.00 or 11.00 - 11.45 ( P1)
Monday 29 <sup>th</sup> August	Bookbug Workshop 1.45 - 2.30 (P1 & P2)
Thursday 1 <sup>st</sup> September	Meet the Teacher 3.15-4.15
Monday 5 <sup>th</sup> September	Tempest Photography (Class Groups)
Friday 9 <sup>th</sup> September	Monitors Pledge Assembly (P7)
Monday 19 <sup>th</sup> September	Tempest Photography (Individual & Family Groups)
Monday 19 <sup>th</sup> September	Reading Workshop 11.00 - 11.45 (p2 & p3)
Monday 19 <sup>th</sup> September	Bookbug Workshop 1.45 - 2.30 (Nursery)
Tuesday 20 <sup>th</sup> September	Phonics & Reading Workshop 2.00 - 3.00 (P1 & P2)
Wednesday 21 <sup>st</sup> September	Phonics & Reading Workshop 6.00 - 7.00 (P1 & P2)
Friday 23 <sup>rd</sup> & Monday 26 <sup>th</sup>	September Weekend (School Closed)
Monday 17 <sup>th</sup> - Friday 21 <sup>st</sup> (inclusive)	October Break



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

M Love

Head Teacher