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## *St Elizabeth's Primary & Nursery School*

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*Learn Together, Laugh Together, Be the Best You Can!*

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### **Dear Parents and Carers,**

We hope you all enjoyed the October break and had a lovely time either at home or away. It's back to business again and we now look forward to another successful and busy term ahead in our school as we make our way, too quickly, towards Christmas! Have a lovely weekend everyone.

Yours sincerely

Miss Christine MacPhee  
Head Teacher

### **Launch of our new App!**

We hope you have been enjoying our new St Elizabeth's App! You can download it to your device and be able to access information instantly. It is our plan to use this App as a way of building up our communication and sharing of information.

We also continue to use our Twitter page as well as our school Face Book page to help keep you as updated as possible.

### **Parent and Teacher Communication**

This session, we are reviewing how we communicate with our families and the recent distribution of a new document entitled Learning at Home launched by Education Scotland will help us to review and inform our approaches to involving our families in learning. As such, our formal Parent/Teacher appointments will take place in February and you will receive information about appointments nearer the time. Our staff have been working on an interim report to give you an update about your child's learning at this stage in the year and these will be with you on Monday 5<sup>th</sup> Nov. We are also having an Open Afternoon on Friday 9<sup>th</sup> November from 2.15-2.50pm for you to come along to class and have a look at your child's jotters. There will be further opportunities for you to come in to school as the year progresses and to learn more about your child's learning. The first opportunity for this will be on Thursday 8<sup>th</sup> November when you are invited along to learn more about our school focuses for this session and, in particular, how we are developing our approaches to the teaching of reading and spelling. As you know, we operate an Open Door Policy in our school and we highly value your support with all learning.

### **Lunch Menu**

New lunch menu is home in bags today and comes into effect from Monday 29<sup>th</sup> Oct.

### **Breakfast Club**

Our breakfast club will begin from Monday 5<sup>th</sup> November. The club will run from 8.15-8.45am. Children should arrive promptly for this club in order to receive their breakfast in time.

### **Cashless School**

As of the 26<sup>th</sup> November, we will be a cashless school and nursery as we introduce a Parent Pay system. You may have heard of this in other schools, we believe it operates very successfully. You will receive more information about this very soon.

### **Students and Work Experience**

We welcome Emma McAllister to our school from South Lanarkshire College. Miss McAllister will be with us every Thursday and Friday until June and will be in our P1/2 class under the supervision of Mrs Campbell.

### **Community Partnership**

Our Hallowe'en discos take place on Monday evening in our school hall. Thank you again to our Community Partnership for organising and to yourselves for supporting. Times are 6-7pm for Primary 1 – Primary 3 and 7.15-8.15pm for Primary 4 – Primary 7. A coffee shop will be available in school that evening should you wish to wait for your child.

Many thanks also for all donations received for our Christmas Fayre today. They are greatly appreciated. Our next Dress Down Day will be on Friday 9<sup>th</sup> November and again a donation would be wonderful. If you can make it along to our Open Day and would be able to bring a donation then, we would be delighted.

### **Parent Helpers**

We are keen to get as many of you involved in our school as possible and thank you to all parent helpers who have expressed an interest in helping in our school. If you would like to help in any way or with school trip, please get in touch and let our school office know.

### **Rag Bag Collection**

We are due a Rag Bag Collection on the 14<sup>th</sup> Nov and bags are available for collection from the school office. Please feel free to take one, or your child can collect one to take home. Any items that can be recycled – clothes, bedding, etc would be very welcome and all donations help to contribute to our school fund.

### **Nativity Show**

Our Nativity show is scheduled for Wed 12<sup>th</sup> at 1.30pm and Thurs 13<sup>th</sup> at 10am. The nativity will be led by Primary 1 and Primary 2 pupils with the rest of our pupils supporting the singing. The children from P3-7 should wear a white t-shirt, black trousers and some tinsel for their hair please for the Nativity.

### **Sacramental Meetings**

**Tues 6<sup>th</sup> Nov**, 6.30pm Confirmation. **Wed 7<sup>th</sup> Nov** 6.30pm Reconciliation; 7.30pm First Holy Communion. All meetings are in the Church Hall.

Next newsletter due out Mon 5<sup>th</sup> Nov