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St Elizabeth's Primary & Nursery School

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Respect

Dear Parents and Carers,

Teacher Reports are home in bags today and we look forward to welcoming you to our Open Afternoon on Friday from 2.15pm. We are busy preparing for our impending VSE (Validated Self Evaluation) where 3 colleagues from Education Resources come to our school to validate an area we have decided to focus on. This visit will happen on Tues 20th and Wed 21st Nov and we look forward to welcoming our visitors.

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Our new App!

We hope you have been enjoying our new St Elizabeth's App and many thanks to Mrs McCaig for updating this for us regularly. 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

We hope you find our Parent Teacher Report informative and clear and we would welcome your feedback on the comments sheet enclosed with the report. If you would like to meet to discuss an aspect of your child's learning, please phone the school office and we will arrange a suitable time. Our Open Afternoon on Friday 9th November will be from 2.15-2.50pm for you to come along to class and have a look at your child's jotters with your child. The arrangements for this are that parents and carers are asked to come to the main door of the school where you will then be taken to the dining hall. The school children will be in the assembly hall and will be taken to you in the dining hall for them to then escort you to their classroom. We are looking forward to sharing our learning with you and welcoming you in to our school. If you are unable to make this and would like to see your child's work, please contact the school where our office staff will be more than happy to arrange a suitable time

There will be further opportunities for you to come in to school as the year progresses and to learn more about your child's progress. Please use the comments sheet to provide us with any further suggestions of ways you feel we can help to keep you well informed.

Parent Information Sessions

We are having several Parent Information Sessions this coming Thursday in order to help share further information about our school. These will take place at the following times -

3.30-4.00pm, 5-5.30pm and 6.30-7pm.

You are invited to come along to the slot of your choice to hear more about our Improvement Focuses, as well as what we have been spending our PEF (Pupil Equity Fund) money on so far. We warmly welcome your continued support of our school and look forward to seeing you on Thursday.

Breakfast Club

Our breakfast club began on Monday 5th November. The club runs from 8.15-8.45am. All school children are welcome to attend our Breakfast Club and there is no cost for this. Children should arrive promptly for this club in order to receive their breakfast in time and no later than 8.30am please in order to allow food to be served, tables cleared, etc.

Community Partnership

Many thanks for all donations received so far for our fast approaching Christmas Fayre! They are very greatly appreciated. Our next Dress Down Day will be on Friday 9th 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. Next week, we are planning on having a Donation Week and would welcome any donations on any day. Children should come to school wearing their school uniform though.

Parent Helpers

We have several parent helpers who are now regularly involved in helping out in our school and we greatly appreciate their time and commitment to this. 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 14th 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.

Sacramental Meetings

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

On Sunday 25th November, our P7 children are invited along to 11.15am Mass in Our Lady and St Anne's Church to receive their Confirmation Workbooks. Children from Our Lady and St Anne's will receive their workbooks the previous Sunday.

Remembrance Sunday

We have poppies available in school for children to purchase for a small donation. 2 of our P7 children are responsible for leading this.

In-service Day

Our next in-service day is Monday 19th November.

More information about our Learning in each of our classes for this term ...

	<u>Literacy</u>	<u>Numeracy</u>	<u>Other</u>
P1	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> *Share News confidently *Talk clearly and logically *Identify words in spoken sentences 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> *Identify number before, after and missing in a sequence within 20 *Estimate then measure the length and height of a familiar object 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> *Investigating the Sun, Moon, Earth in science. *Belonging in RME *Using cameras in Technology
P1/2	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> *Using own words to make up stories *Answering questions appropriately *Follow and respond to instructions 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> *Ordering all numbers forwards and backwards within the range of 0-20. *Using ordinal numbers in real life ie I am third in line, 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> *Investigating sources of materials:manmade/natural *God's beautiful creation in RME
P2	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> *Asking some relevant questions to get more information *Answering questions more fully. *Recognising some different types of text and genres 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> *Order and know months of year *Tell the time (o'clock) on analogue and digital clocks *Measure areas of simple shapes using squares. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> *My Uniqueness in RME *Identifying sources of energy around me ie food, petrol, electricity, batteries, etc.
P3	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> *Selecting texts using the title, and cover/illustrations, author. I can express and explain my preference for a text or authors. *I can blend two and three letter phonemes to read new words. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> *Counting on and back in 10's. *Exploring symmetry in own and wider environment and can create and recognise symmetrical pictures, patterns and shapes. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> *Discovering God's precious gift of life in RME *Learning more about Scottish History, looking at map of Scotland. *Learning more about Vincent Van Gogh's Sunflowers and Stary Night in Art.
P4	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> *Using what I know about the features of different types of texts, I can find, select, sort and use information for specific purposes *I regularly select and read, listen to or watch texts which I enjoy and find interesting. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> *Lines of symmetry *Time *Properties of 2D and 3D shapes 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> All Saint and story of Jarius' Daughter in RME *Learning more about Growth Mindset
P5	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> *Discussing a variety of texts and finding key points of information. *Working on presentation of work. *Spelling of common words. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> *8 and 9 times tables. *Money handling *Adding and subtracting using whole numbers. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> *Holy Souls for month of November and revisit daily prayers in RME. *Learning more about Famous Scots
P5/6	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> *Talking readily about own and others' feelings. *Take part in discussion and contribute at least one idea. *Identify and discuss the purpose of texts. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> *Mentally multiply and divide whole numbers and decimal fractions with a least 2 decimal places. *Accurately record and convert amount in money and measure. *Recognises where decimal fractions are used in everyday life. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> *Investigating some Christian imagery in the history and art of Sotland eg Celtic crosses, Christian Pictish Stones in RME. *Classify an animal as a mammal, bird, fish, vertebrate or invertebrate in Science.
P6/7	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> *Reading with fluency, understanding and expression with increasing awareness of the appropriate tone and pace. *I can confidently make appropriate predictions about texts with supporting evidence. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> *Applying the correct order of operations in number calculations when solving multi-step problems. *Identifying familiar contexts in which negative numbers are used. *Identifying multiples and factors. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> *Learning more about the Holy Spirit and the faith of the Saints in RME. *Body systems; respiratory in Science. Global citizenship – what is a Global Citizen?
P7	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> *Critical thinking and inferencing using Novels. *sing media to develop skills 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> *Applying addition and subtraction skills to shopping lists 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> *Investigating forces in science *Month of the Holy Souls in RME *Sending homework on line and using Kindles.

Celebrating our Achievements

Each week at Assembly, we hear of many achievements from our very talented children. This is a wonderful opportunity to learn more about particular interests, successes and achievements and we thank you for your support in helping your child to complete the sheet (particularly our younger children). Each week, different children are chosen and Achievements Sheets are displayed on our special Achievement Board in one of our corridors. Each month we have a particular Health and Wellbeing Focus throughout our school and the focus for the month of November is on **Achieving**. There are 8 Wellbeing Indicators we cover throughout the year and these are - **Safe, Healthy, Achieving, Nurtured, Active, Respected, Responsible and Included**.

We are keen to know of any achievements our child/families are proud of and you are welcome to let us know about these through a note in schoolbags, an email, a phone call, etc. Please don't be shy about sharing the good news.

On that note, we recently received certificates for children who took part in the Summer Reading Challenge Scotland. A very well done to -

***Isla Duncan, Juliette Arnott, Rose Arnott, Poppi Spence, Beth Murphy, Kian Murphy, Caoimhe Rose Hainie, Eilidh Donald and Jacob Simpson.** These children will receive their certificates at our next assembly!

* our P6 and P7 children who have successfully completed their 6 week Bikeability Course with flying colours! Many thanks to Mrs Mallin and her team for all their super coaching.

*Ebenezer Hall for a fantastic Bible Exhibition that our P6/7 and P7 classes thoroughly enjoyed and learned so much from!

School Clubs

In our school we currently have a range of clubs and we thank all staff and pupils who are involved with these...

A weekly Homework Club run weekly by Mrs Wilson

A weekly Coding Club run by 2 Primary 7 pupils

A weekly Art club run by 3 Primary 6 pupils

A monthly Eco Club run by Mrs Emmett

A weekly Chess Club run by Mr Kelly

A twice weekly multi-sports club – one at lunchtime and one from 3-4pm.

A Girls Football Club

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That's it for the moment and we look forward to continuing sharing and showing off our fantastic school community to our visitors on the 20th and 21st November!

Best wishes

Miss C MacPhee

Head Teacher