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St Elizabeth's Primary & Nursery School

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

Enjoyment

School Newsletter 2, Oct 2018

Respect

Dear Parents and Carers,

It's been an incredibly busy and quick start to the school year and it is hard to believe we're now only a week away from the October break. Our classes are very settled and the children are working hard and engaging well with their learning. Thank you for your continued support of our school.

Yours sincerely

Miss Christine MacPhee
Head Teacher

Launch of our new App!

We are very excited to tell you we now have a St Elizabeth's App! You can download 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. Many thanks to our IT whizz Mrs McCaig for supporting the development of this.

Scottish Breakfast Success!

What a fantastic morning we had on Friday, organised and led by our children in Primary 4, guided and supported by Mrs Emmett. Thank you to everyone who was able to come along. We had porridge, toast, yogurt and Weetabix, mixed together with very special visitors including Monica Lennon, MSP and Jennifer Reoch (former Miss Scotland) a lot of good chat and great fun...all to help raise awareness of the STV Scottish Breakfast Appeal For Children In Poverty.

Thank you so much for all donations, we raised a grand total of £250 which Mrs Emmett, Toby McFadden and Mirryn Kenny then took to the STV studios on Friday evening. Well done and thank you all so much. Not to mention a Special Thank You to local Coop for their porridge and milk donations and to SLCouncil Catering both inside and outside school.



Important School Information - a reminder ...

***Nut allergies** – just a reminder to everyone that we are a nut free school. Children should not bring any snacks or items to school that may contain nuts or nut based ingredients.

***Fizzy drinks** – fizzy drinks are not permitted in our school as they contain a vast amount of sugar which affects children's attention and behaviour.

***Health Promotion** – we are a health promoting school and encourage our children to think about what they eat and drink. This includes snacks at playtime and lunchtime. Milk is available each week at a cost of £1.00 and a biscuit can be bought for each day of the week for the total cost of 10p. We are looking to set up a healthy tuckshop and more information about this will follow.

***Absences/Lateness/Leaving Early** - If your child is to be absent from school, please phone our school office as soon as possible to inform us. We have an answering machine for your use. All children should be in the playground before the bell rings at 9am each day and we now have a bell ringing at 8.55am as a reminder to our children that 9am is fast approaching! The legal requirement is that children attend school from 9-3pm each day. If they are required to leave early, please bring your appointment letter to our office staff who will then note this. Lateness, absences and leaving early are recorded daily and if either of these become detrimental to any child's time at school, the council procedure is that an attendance officer will be asked to contact you to discuss further.

***Contact Details** - If your telephone number or e-mail address change throughout the course of the year, please do let our office staff know to allow us to update our records. This also applies to emergency contacts.

***Head Lice** – We ask all parents and carers to please check hair regularly and if there is any case of head lice, please let us know so

***School Uniform** – the children are very smart in our school uniform and we thank you so much for your great support with this. Please note that trainers are not part of our school uniform. Children need a full PE kit each week and will also require joggers and a warm top as each class has a timetabled slot each week for outdoor PE. Children are not allowed to wear jewellery during PE due to Health and Safety and earrings should be removed or covered. As the weather is now starting to turn wetter and cooler, all children should have a coat with a hood and be suitably clothed for outdoors.

***School Lunches** – children who pay for their lunch should have sufficient money with them each day and should pay Janet (our Cook) before 9am. Our dining room doors are open from 8.45am for this purpose. If children do forget their lunch money, every effort should be made to bring it in the next day to allow Janet to record her monies accurately each week. If your child does not like anything on the lunch menu on any given day, a packed lunch should be brought to school.

***Car Park** – please remember not to park in the disabled bays unless you have a relevant badge. Thank you to all drivers for being vigilant and careful whilst in our car park. **Zig Zag Lines At Front Of Schoolplease keep clear for everyone's safety .**

More info about our fantastic school!

All of our Primary 1 children have been busy learning sounds and words. They are doing very well with their phonemes. They have also been doing lots of active learning and I was lucky enough to see their counting from 0-8 skills when I visited their class last week for a monitoring visit.

Across the corridor in Primary 1/2 the children have been focusing on addition and becoming more confident with key number concepts. They are working very hard and setting a superb example for our P1 children.

Primary 2 have been developing writing skills, focusing on becoming authors and have been attempting to copy the style of a particular author. They have been making great strides with this ... perhaps we have the next J K Rowling in our midst!

Primary 3 visited Vikingar last week to learn more about Viking life. They have been studying this topic very enthusiastically and thoroughly enjoyed their trip. The children were a credit to our school with their excellent behaviour, respect and engagement and everyone at Vikingar was very impressed.

Primary 5 have been learning about Cubist art recently and did some terrific pictures in this style. Move over Picasso... They also had a visit to Starbucks last week to learn more about Fairtrade coffee and recycling. Thanks to Starbucks for the recyclable cups and gingerbread men for the class.

P5/6 have been showcasing their skills in multiplication recently as well as addition. They have also been going in to classes to recite their poetry, created especially for National Poetry Day which was last Thursday 4th Oct.

P6/7 are loving learning about the Battle of Bannockburn. Their newspaper reports detailing aspects of the battle were superb and they got fully into the role of reporter and then editor.

P7 have been reading a class novel called Wonder and have been analysing the text for key character traits. They have been created their own small book, recording their findings.

This, of course, is a snippet of all the work and learning going on every day in our school. We hope our children are confidently discussing their learning with you at home and sharing their enthusiasm.

Would you like to help out in our school? We would love to have you and the number of parent helpers we have had working in our school has been, quite simply, incredible. We are holding 2 meetings on **Thursday 11th Oct – one at 9.30am and another at 2.30pm** and you are welcome to come along to find out more and register your interest. If you are unable to make this meeting but are keen to help, please let our school office know – they will take a note of your interest and we will be back in touch with you. Thank you to all volunteers, we look forward to having your support in our school.



Further Update

Students and Work Experience

We will be welcoming Margaret Stirling to our school on Monday and Mrs Stirling will be with us every Monday and Tuesday until June. She will be placed in our P1 class under the supervision of Mrs Sullivan.

Homework Diaries

You are welcome to make use of your child's Homework Diary as a way of providing another level of communication between school and home. Diaries should be returned between home and school daily please as the children may be involved in updating them on a daily basis in their class.

Photographer

We hope you are delighted with the professional photographs that were taken recently. Should you wish to order any, please complete and return the order form to school by next Friday, 12th Oct.

P7 Residential Trip

Thank you to our current P6 and P7 families who recently attended 2 separate information evenings about our future Residential Trips to Lockerbie Manor. Thank you for all payments of the initial deposit for these trips.

Class Charter

I hope you enjoyed reading and discussing your child's Class Charter. Many thanks for all of the signed agreements that have been returned.

Community Partnership

The AGM of our Community Partnership took place recently and you should have received a Newsletter from our Community Partnership sharing key pieces of information. Many thanks to all parents and families for their hard work in helping to provide fundraising activities for our school and many thanks to yourselves for supporting these events so well. Our next event will be Hallowe'en Discos on Monday 29th Oct...P1-3 children 6-7pm and P4-7 children 7.15-8.15pm.

A Great Big Thank You to Helen Toner, our Chairperson, for running the recent Sponsored Bounce event and to yourselves, family and friends for sponsoring the children. The children had a ball and thank you so much for all sponsorship money. Any further sponsor money can be handed in to our school office next week. The total received so far is currently sitting at £532.70.

We are looking for any donations of items for our Christmas Fayre and if you already have items at home we would be delighted to receive them. Please hand any items in to the school office or send to school with your child.

MacMillan Cancer

Thank you once again for supporting our Coffee Morning so well. The children really enjoy performing songs, dances and poems for us and it is such a treat for all of us. The total raised for MacMillan Cancer was £200.35

Parent Helpers

We are keen to get as many of you involved in our school as possible. If you are keen to help, please come along to an information meeting on Thursday 11th Oct at 9.30am or 2.30pm. If you are not able to make either of these meetings but would like to offer your help in our school, please let me know and I will be in touch.

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.

Hallowe'en/Christmas Decorations

Are you able to help with any spare decorations for Hallowe'en or Christmas please? We would be delighted to accept any items that we could then use in the school to help decorate key areas of our school at these times of year.

Celebrating Achievements

Every week, we celebrate individual achievements at our school assembly and the children are enjoying sharing and hearing about each child's success. Mrs McCaig co-ordinates this for us and children's achievements are displayed in our corridor for everyone to see. If there is any particular achievement from home that either your child or your family are proud of, please feel free to share these with us. There is an evaluation section attached to our newsletter for this purpose.



Return Sheet

Child's Name _____ Class _____

1. Newsletter

Paper copy

Email

Email address (please write clearly) _____

2. Parent Helper

If you are interested in helping in our school please let us know the days/times you would be available

3. Comments/Questions

If you have any comment or question please write below.

Signed _____ Date _____

(Please return to school by Friday 31st August, thank you)