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St Elizabeth's Primary & Nursery School

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

Enjoyment

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Respect

Dear Parents and Carers,

It is hard to believe we are only a few weeks away from our Easter holiday...time certainly does fly! Our school has been a busy place with lots of fantastic learning taking place again this term.

Parent Pay

We are now a cashless school and moving forward, trips, events, etc will be paid for more and more through Parent Pay.

Lunchtime Sports Clubs

We have been very lucky to secure some lunchtime and after school sports clubs for our children. Thank you to our Active Schools Co-ordinator for helping to organise this alongside Mr Kelly, our staff member who has taken on responsibility for Clubs.

Neon Disco

Thank you to our Community Partnership for organising this and to our children and families for supporting this event. The children had a great time and we hope you enjoyed the photos on our Twitter Page! Thank you to all parents who volunteered to help on the evening, we really appreciate your time and support. The team from Sportsworx provided wonderful entertainment, thank you to them too for all their work.

Donations for Summer Fayre

Once again, thank you for all donations we received last week during our dress down day. We greatly appreciate your generosity and support.



Important Dates



March

Wed 13th, Confirmation at 7pm
Tues 19th, Bingo Evening 7-8.30pm
Wed 20th P7 visit to Scottish Parliament
Thurs 21st, Fundraising Day for SCIAF
Wed 27th Reconciliation, 6.30pm
Wed 27th Community Partnership meeting in school at 7pm.
Fri 29th School and Nursery close at 2.30pm for Easter Holidays

April

Mon 15th, return to School & Nursery
Thurs 18th School and Nursery close at 2.30pm for Holiday Weekend
Fri 19th Good Friday
Mon 22nd Easter Monday
Tues 23rd return to School & Nursery
Tues 23rd P7 Residential Trip, return Fri at 2pm!

Lenten Focus

Once again, we will be supporting Mary's Meals and any donations of items each week would be wonderful. The children are always very good at bringing in items and we greatly appreciate your fantastic support with this. The focus for each week of Lent is detailed at the end of our newsletter.

Rag Bag Collection - Our next Rag Bag Collection will be on the 18th March. Any items that can be recycled – clothes, bedding, etc would be very welcome and all donations help to contribute to our school fund. Many thanks for any donations.

Bird Week – Claire from Pets at Home attended our assembly a few weeks ago and presented awards to each class for the wonderful art work they had submitted. Well done to all our boys and girls.

World Book Day

We had many wonderful characters in our school last week all dressed up to celebrate World Book Day! Well done boys and girls, your costumes were superb. Thank you to everyone who managed along to our Coffee Afternoon too, we hope you enjoyed just having the time to read. The children have enjoyed reading buddies this week where younger and older children have been reading together.

Book Fayre

Many thanks to all families who have supported our Book Fayre once again. We will let you know how much money has been raised for our school to use to buy further books.

P5 Care Home Visit

Our P5 children have enjoyed 2 visits to our local care home to entertain the residents with their singing and chat. Young and old had a wonderful time and we look forward to going again soon.

P7 Confirmation Retreat Day

This day was a wonderful opportunity for our children to reflect on the Sacrament they are about to receive. They all enjoyed the responsibility of going out for their lunch and were a credit to our school within the shops. Well done boys and girls.

Now that the Season of Lent has begun we are all thinking of the importance of prayer, fasting and almsgiving over the coming weeks. The children have been busy working on class promises for Lent and these will be displayed in our foyer.



Lenten Focus from Pope Francis

The Cross of Christ contains all the love of God; there we find his immeasurable mercy. This is a love in which we can place all our trust, in which we can believe.... **let us entrust ourselves to Jesus, let us give ourselves over to him, because he never disappoints anyone!** Only in Christ crucified and risen can we find salvation and redemption.”

—Address, World Youth Day, Way of the Cross, July 26, 2013

Fairtrade Fortnight

To celebrate Fairtrade Fortnight, our P5 children have invited the local Co-op to a Friday Assembly where they will donate Fairtrade Foods for tasting and Charity Fund-raising. We look forward to celebrating this and to helping raise awareness of Fair Trade.

Community Partnership Fundraising Evening

Our Community Partnership is organising a Family Prize Bingo Night on Tues 19th March from 7-8.30pm. This will be in the gym hall. FREE entry, £1 per bingo game, FREE quiz, Raffles, Coffee Shop☺, Tuck Shop, Hot dogs☺ plus Mother's day/Easter gift shop. All welcome, come along and join in the fun. We look forward to a lovely evening.

Good To Be Green – Over and Above!

Our Over and Above Club has gotten off to a great start with children from each class being selected each week to come along and enjoy a goodie as a reward for being on green all week. Well done boys and girls. We also have several classes who have been on green all week and these classes will receive a reward and a class certificate. Fantastic news, well done!

Mrs Emmett

As you may have heard, the rumour is true that our wonderful Mrs Emmett is retiring in June. Mrs Emmett has contributed over 30 years of teaching towards the life of St Elizabeth's and those of you who know her will agree that her commitment and enthusiasm to our school has been exceptional. We will be planning an event in the school next term for parents and families to help mark and celebrate her teaching career and more details about this will follow.

We are also beginning to think of a gift from our children and any parent or families wishing to contribute to this should please hand a donation in to the school office.

Lenten Focuses for each week are

W/b 11.3.19 - Stationery- notepads, pencils, pens,
rubbers, sharpeners, rulers, pencil cases
and crayons

W/b 18.3.19 - Towels, spoons and tennis balls

W/b 25.3.19 - Soap, toothbrushes, toothpaste

W/b 15.4.19 - Shorts, skirts, t-shirts, dresses, flip-flops
and sandals

Children can bring an item in any day of the week, our Pope Francis Faith Award children will be going round the classes each day to collect any donations. Each Friday in Lent is a Dress Down Day.

Thank you very much for any support you can give to this focus.



Important School Information – a reminder ...

***Car Parking** – we ask all drivers to avoid parking on the zig zag lines outside our school in order to help ensure this is a safe area for our children. Thank you to all drivers for your support with this.

***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. Thank you everyone.

***Fizzy drinks** – fizzy drinks are not permitted in our school as they contain a vast amount of sugar which we all know affects children's attention and behaviour. This also applies to fizzy sweets.

***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.

***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. Thank you for your support in ensuring your child is in school from 9-3pm each day.

***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. Many thanks.

***PE Kit**- children need to bring a PE kit with them each week as PE is timetable twice a week. PE kit is- polo shirt/t-shirt, black shorts and indoor shoes. They also require an outdoor kit which should consist of long trousers, a long sleeved top and suitable footwear. PE kits can remain in school each week.

***School Uniform** – at the last Community Partnership meeting, there was a discussion about the difficulty in being able to buy brown school trousers in particular, especially now that Catherine's of Burnbank is closing down. As a result of our discussion, it was agreed we would look at changing the colour of school trousers and skirts and possibly jumpers to make it easier for families to buy. We would be grateful if you would take a few minutes to complete the attached consultation about this.

That's all for the moment...a brief round-up of key events in our school! Please follow our School App and Twitter Page for constant updates about our school. Next newsletter Thurs 28th March. Best wishes,

Miss C MacPhee, Head Teacher

