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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,

We hope you had a lovely Spring Break. It is lovely to have our children and staff back safe and well after the holiday, ready for another busy and successful term ahead.

Summer Fayre Donations

Once again, thank you for all donations we have received for our rapidly approaching Summer Fayre that takes place on Fri 31st May. If you would still like to donate an item, please feel free to do this either via your child or by handing in to our school office. We also have another dress down day on Fri 17th May for the children to bring a donation.

Sportsworx

We have volunteers from Sportsworx continuing to provide a fantastic opportunity for our children in P7 and also P6. The children receive an award after they complete their training programme.

Student Teacher

We warmly welcome Mrs Murdoch, a PGCE Teaching Student, back to our school for a second placement with us which we are sure will be as successful as her first one. Mrs Murdoch is now working in our P5 class and we wish her all the best for another happy and fruitful placement with us.

Sacraments

Our P4 children are continuing to prepare for the Sacrament of First Holy Communion that they will receive in a few weeks time. They are preparing well, please keep them in your prayers.

Lunch Menu

Our new lunch menu begins on Tues 23rd April and is home in bags today.

Important Dates



April

Thurs 18th School and Nursery close at 3pm 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 1.45pm!
Tues 23rd Summer Lunch menu begins
Wed 24th Community Partnership, 7pm
Thur 25th P4 trip to Stirling Castle

May

Mon 6th Holiday (school closed)
Tues 7th In-Service Day (school closed)
Thurs 9th Retreat day for First Holy Communicants
Fri 17th May Dress Down Day
Sat 18th Sacrament of First Holy Communion at 11am
Wed 22nd Thanksgiving Mass, 9.45am in Our Lady and St Anne's Church for First Communicants
Fri 24th and Mon 27th Holiday (school closed)
Tues 28th Wizard of Oz in school
Wed 29th Community Partnership, 7pm

Community Partnership Fundraising Evening

Many thanks to everyone who came along to our Family Prize Bingo Night on Tues 19th March organised by our Community Partnership. Thank you to all volunteers who gave of their time to help run the evening.

Good To Be Green – Over and Above!

Our Over and Above Club continues to meet each week 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 have green pin badges that the children are given to enjoy wearing proudly for the week. Thank you to Mrs Elliott and Mrs Anand for all their wonderful work in helping to prepare the goodies for the children to enjoy.

Our Lenten Focuses for each week has been to help support the charity Mary's Meals. Our focus has been

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

Thank you so much for all contributions and thank you to our Pope Francis Faith Award children for helping to gather and organise the donations. Anyone wishing to make a donation of any item listed can do so until Fri 26th April, thank you.

A special thank you to Jessica McDonald and Caoimhe Rose Hainie who have represented our school every morning at 8.20am Mass during Lent. Thank you girls!

Residential Trip

Our P7 Residential Trip to Lockerbie Manor takes place from Tues 23rd to Fri 26th Apr and the children are very excited about their time away - it promises to be a fantastic week full of wonderful activities. Mrs Elliott, Mis sDunsmuir and myself will be accompanying the children on this trip.

Absences

If your child is to be absent from school due to illness, parents and carers have an obligation to please phone and report this to the school. We have an obligation to have absences recorded as quickly as possible and there are mornings when our office staff are spending a considerable amount of time phoning homes to enquire about an absence. Your support in helping to reduce this time by phoning in an absence would be greatly appreciated – we also have an answering machine for you to leave a message at any time and our office staff access this from 9am. Please help us by calling our school office on 285080 to report your child's absence.

Joseph...dates for your diary!!

We are busy rehearsing for our performance of Joseph and the children are doing wonderfully well with their singing, the roles, the props, the background design, etc. We will be performing 4 shows and the dates for these are Mon 10th June and Tues 11th June. There will be performances at 1pm and 7pm on Mon 10th June and 10am and 7pm on Tuesday the 11th.

Order forms for seats will be available shortly.



Important School Information – a reminder ...

***Car Parking** – we now have a set of cones positioned on the zig zag lines outside our school to help ensure this is a safe area for our children and families. Thank you to all drivers for your support in helping to keep the area around our school as safe as possible.

***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 consisting of long trousers, a long sleeved top and suitable footwear. PE kits can remain in school each week.

That's all for the moment...another brief round-up of key events in our school! Please follow our School App and Twitter Page for constant updates about our school.

We wish everyone a wonderful, happy Easter weekend.

Best wishes

Miss C MacPhee
Head Teacher



