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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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Head Teacher Welcome

Dear Parents and Families, welcome back after our summer holiday which we hope was a lovely one for you and your children. It is lovely to have our children return safe and well and they are all looking much bigger! We are delighted to welcome our new families and children to our nursery and look forward to working closely with all of you over the coming year.

Our Values, Aims and Vision

We have been busy revamping our Nursery Values, Aim and Vision Statement over the past few months in order to have particular, well thought out focuses for our nursery.

***The 4 Core Values of our Nursery are**

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*** Our overall Aim in our Nursery is to**

Have all of our children reaching their full potential.

***We will do this through our Vision Statement which is**

In order to challenge and support our children and families on their learning journey we provide excellent learning opportunities and maintain a nurturing environment built on trust, partnerships and mutual respect.

You will see our Values, Aims and Vision Statement displayed within our nursery and these underpin the philosophy of our nursery.

Nursery Staff

We are delighted to welcome back all our nursery staff and extend a warm welcome to our new addition joining us on a temporary basis from today – Early Years Worker, Adele MacKay.

Our Senior Management team is led by myself, Miss MacPhee and Mrs Campbell (Principal Teacher) Our Nursery Teacher and Team Leader work within both rooms and have particular focuses for this coming session. We are awaiting a support assistant to help us with lunch time cover...I'll keep you posted about this.

On the subject of lunches, the children are all doing fantastically well and are enjoying their ordered lunch. Thank you to all our staff, including catering staff, for helping this to run so smoothly.

Parent Pay

We now have a grand total of 86% of all our parents and carers fully signed up to parent pay. This is great, thank you so much everyone for your support and co-operation with this ... please help us get to 100% - if you've not already signed up or if you require a bar coded letter please ask. Need any help with this? Please speak to Amanda in our office.

On the subject of Parent Pay, our weekly snack donation remains at £2.50 per child. Your support in paying this is greatly appreciated and helps us to purchase daily snack for the children as well as replenish broken toys, etc.

Forms and Paperwork

At this time of year, we seem to issue lots of forms and paperwork. We update our records annually and it is crucial we have the most up-to-date information about your child. Your help in returning this paperwork promptly allows us to update our records as soon as possible. Should there be any changes throughout the year to the information you have provided to us, please inform Amanda in the office and she will update your records accordingly.

Communication

There may be an occasion when you would like to have a further discussion about your child's learning and progress out with the times we set aside throughout the year. If so, please make an appointment at our nursery office and time will be set aside for you to meet with a member of staff. Staff are unable to have discussions with you between 9 and 3pm when they are with the children.

We try to use our Facebook Page, Twitter and School App in as many ways as possible to communicate key information to all our families. Our newsletter will be going paperless from next month and will be available on our website and App. Alternatively, you can have a copy emailed to you and if you would prefer this option, please complete and return the email slip at the end of this newsletter. Many thanks.

Absence

If your child is going to be absent from nursery please call us to let us know. Our nursery telephone number is 286270 and this is a separate line from our school which is 285080. It is really important we know why your child is not with us. Whilst we understand that all children become unwell and can catch illnesses, please be aware that any prolonged periods of unexplained absences may result in a nursery space being allocated to another child on our waiting list. Thank you for your co-operation with this. Also please note if your child has sickness and/or diarrhoea **they must not return until 48 hours from last bout.**

Drop Off and Collection

Our drop off times are now 9am, 9.30am and 10am and you will know which slot you have been allocated. Our collection time for morning session children is 12.15pm and drop off time for the afternoon session is 12.50pm. Our collection times are now 3pm, 3.30pm and 4pm. Again, you will know which slot applies to you. It is important your child is collected at the allocated time please as staff are timetabled for additional duties and activities from 3-4.30pm. Your co-operation and support with this is greatly appreciated. Please note that South Lanarkshire Council's policy is for charges to be applied of £3.20 to children who are not collected on time. **Just a reminder that there is no staff member in our Nursery Office between 1 and 1.30pm each day due to staff lunch. Should you need in to the nursery between these times, please come along to the main school door. Many thanks.**

Parents Room

Gillian has been working hard to create a lovely room for our parents and families to meet, enjoy a coffee, etc. We would have loved to have the room painted to make it look even nicer but unfortunately our budget doesn't run that far ... we'll talk nicely to the painters when they are in over the coming months working on our nursery extension! We will be looking to establish activities, events and information sessions that we would like to have your involvement with. Further information about this will be winging its way to you shortly!

Change of Clothes

Please provide your child with at least one spare change of clothes to help us if they get wet etc, during their nursery time. Spare clothes can be kept in a bag on your child's peg. We are also really short on spare pants, socks and trousers for both boys and girls – can anyone help with any donations of these? We need a variety of ages from 2 – 5 years and any help with this would be greatly appreciated.

Shoes

It is really helpful to all of us if the children could wear shoes that are easy to put on/off. Buckles and laces are best avoided please and your help with this would be wonderful!

Can you help us?

Listed below is items we are trying to stock up on in our nursery – can you help with any donations? We would be delighted to accept items that are in good condition to help us replenish our stock. We are in need of the following -

Jigsaws

Small world toys – animals, dolls, doll's house furniture, dressing up clothes

Cushions, carpet tiles, wall pictures/canvases

Mugs, storage jars

Flower/plant pots/artificial flowers or plants

Wipe down table covers, Plastic tableware – cups/plates/spoons, measuring tapes

Wheeled shopping trolley (like the one our grandparents would have used)

Waterproof rucksack

Picnic rug/blanket

Thank you so much for any donations you are able to give us.

...and finally

Thank you very much for your continued support of our nursery and here's to another wonderful year ahead for our children and families.

Best wishes

Miss MacPhee and the Nursery Team

Head Teacher

