

Love of  
Learning

Respect

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Individuality

## *St Elizabeth's Primary & Nursery School*

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

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### **Enrolment for School**

Enrolment week took place at the start of January and we are looking forward to welcoming many of our nursery children in to our Primary 1 class in August. Many thanks to all parents who have chosen to enrol your child at our school. As you will know, we will have induction days for you and your child and these will take place in June.

### **Clothing/Shoes**

Could parents please make sure children have black gym shoes/or suitable indoor footwear and also a bag with a change of clothes in it. We like the black slip plimsolls because they are easy for the children to put on, everyone has the same and we can also write names at the toe area which helps all staff within the nursery. Thank you for your co-operation with this. Any difficulties in sourcing black plimsolls, please just speak to a member of staff.

### **Fundraising**

We hosted a butty and a blether morning on Friday 24<sup>th</sup> January with a great response, thank you to everyone who came along or popped in and thank you to Gillian our Team Leader for organising this so successful. We will be hosting these on a monthly basis at the moment so the next one will be on Friday 21<sup>st</sup> Feb...we look forward to seeing you all then.

### **Contact Details**

Please keep us updated of contact details so that in the event of an emergency we can get hold of you. If your child is not attending nursery please advise a member of staff or in the event of sickness we ask that you please call our nursery office on 286270. Our school office number is 285080.

### **Allergies**

We have several children with particular allergies in our nursery, one of these being latex so balloons, etc, are not permitted in our nursery. Nuts or fizzy drinks are also not permitted. Thank you.

### **Dates for your Diary**

Friday 7 <sup>th</sup> February	In-service Day
Monday 10 <sup>th</sup> February	Holiday Monday
Tuesday 11 <sup>th</sup> February	Holiday Tuesday
Wednesday 12 <sup>th</sup> February	In-service Day
Friday 21 <sup>st</sup> February	Butty Morning!

### **Parent Pay**

We currently **have 86%** of our parents now signed up to Parent Pay. If you have still to do this, please can we encourage you to do so asap. All of our transactions are now done through Parent Pay and your support in ensuring you have access to this is crucial for the development of our nursery.

There is no need to add or store debit or credit card details in Parent Pay, but it does require a Direct Debit mandate to be authorised by your bank before payments can be collected (up to 3 working days normally or 6 working days for initial setup). This allows customers who do not have credit facilities to make online payments and enables new automated payment processes (e.g. auto top-up).

You can now pay money into the nursery via bank transfer, this enables you to pay directly from your bank account and it is guaranteed by the Direct Debit service.

### **Learning Journals**

As you are aware, our Learning Journals went live at the end of November. We hope you are enjoying seeing your child's progress and achievements. We aim to update your child's journal on a regular basis. We welcome any feedback you may have regarding them and would appreciate your thoughts and suggestions.

### **Learning**

Our children have been focusing on Scots language and have been learning scots words and have enjoyed hearing stories in scots. The bairns are dae'in braw! They have also been experiencing Chinese food as they have celebrated Chinese New Year. Track our photos on our Twitter feed!

### **Swap Shop**

We are beginning a swap shop in the school and would happily welcome any donations from our nursery families. We are looking for clothes, hats, scarves, bags, toys, books, etc for our school children to swap and keep, free of charge. If you would be able to donate an item, we would be very grateful...good chance for a wee post Christmas clear out!

### **Raffle Prizes**

We are also on the look out for any donations of raffle prizes and would be grateful if you would please hand any items in to our nursery office.

Thank you very much for any help you can give with any of these requests

### **Help Yourself to Books**

We have books available for you to help yourself. These are placed opposite our nursery office. Please take what you would like, everyone is very welcome to do this and the children are welcome to choose a book on their way home from nursery.

### **Coffee Morning**

Many thanks to everyone who was able to make it along to our Coffee Morning today. It is lovely to have such great support for our nursery children and we all enjoy the many talents of our children. Thank you to staff for being in early to help set up the hall and get things looking so good.

### **Emotion Works**

This session we are focusing on developing emotional awareness within our school and nursery and have been doing a lot of work around this. Our focus for February is kindness – to ourselves and to one another. We will be encouraging the children to think of ways they show kindness at nursery and at home and your support with this would be very much appreciated.

Best wishes everyone

Miss MacPhee  
Head Teacher