

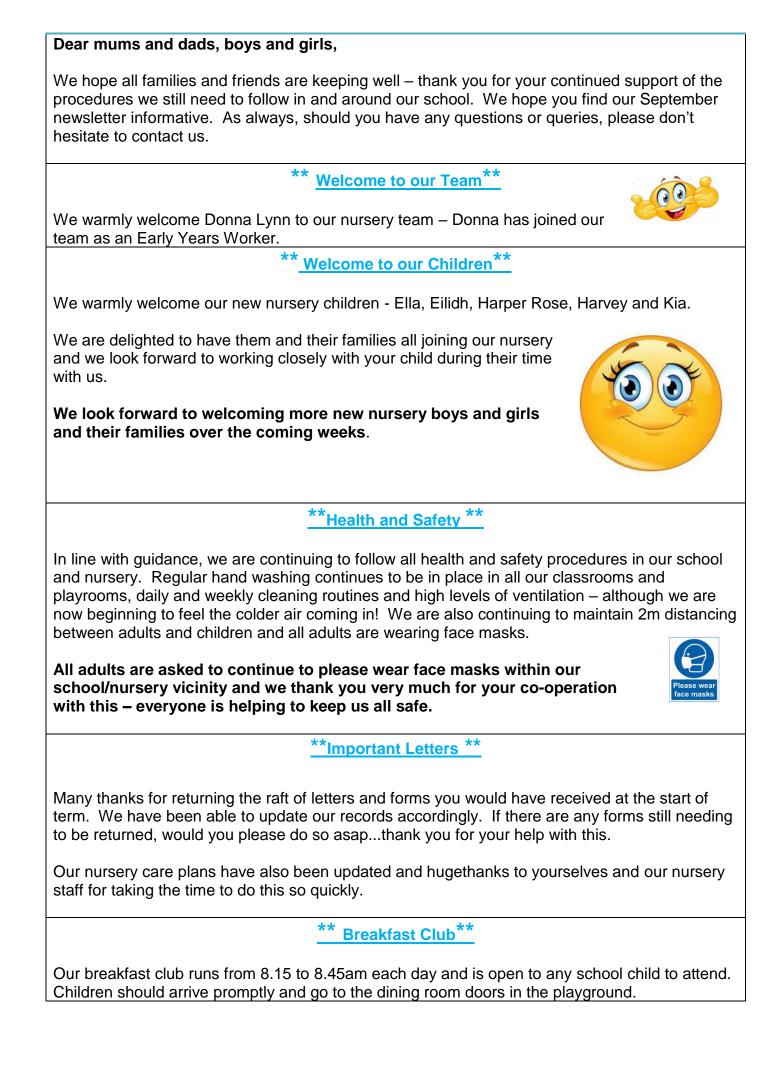
Our vision

Our vision is for everyone in St Elizabeth's Primary School and Nursery Class to strive to excel in all that we do through working hard and having loving, respectful relationships in a safe, happy and nurturing environment embracing a love for lifelong learning.

*All our latest information about our school and nursery is available on our App, available from the App or Google store.

*Please follow us on Twitter - @StElizabethsPS.

We also have our website which contains further important information.





much boys and girls, we know you will be wonderful champions!

** School Details **

* School/Nursery Hoodies

The latest round of hoody orders has been sent away and we are now waiting on the hoodies arriving however the order was particularly large this time so they may take a little bit longer to arrive. Hopefully they'll be winging their way to us very soon!



School Uniform



We would like to say a big thank you to all our families for the continued support of our school uniform policy. The children are absolutely beautifully turned out and are wearing their uniform so proudly. Well done and thank you boys and girls.

PE Uniform

Many thanks also for your fantastic support with our PE uniform. We are delighted to see so many of our children wearing our school uniform as well as our PE uniform.

Plain black shorts or leggings/tracksuit bottoms Plain white t-shirt or school polo shirt

Branded items, clothing with logos is not permitted to be worn, long hair should be tied up and jewellery needs to be removed.

We have now been able to begin to do indoor PE - all children will need a pair of black plimsolls please for indoor PE.

Water Bottles

Children are asked to bring a water bottle to school and nursery each day filled with water – please note diluting or fizzy juice is not permitted in our school or nursery and we thank you for your co-operation with this.

** Nursery Clothing **

As the weather is now turning that bit colder, we ask that your child attends nursery with a warm coat, hat, gloves and scarf as the children are outdoors every day and there are parts of our playground that can feel quite chilly. Many thanks everyone.

** Fundraising **

We are having a Crazy Hair Day on Friday 5th November for our school and nursery children. Any donations most welcome for school and nursery funds. We look forward to seeing some groovy hair designs! ** Parental Engagement **



**Meet the School and Nursery Staff **



We hope you enjoyed our short videos giving you a flavour of

your child's classroom. We know it's not the same as being able to come in to school and see our classrooms but we know from your feedback that you enjoyed and appreciated these videos.

** Homework Consultation **

Many thanks for all responses to our Homework Questionnaire. The results are below

· · · ·	P1	P2	P3	P4	P5	P6	P7	%
How would you								
prefer homework to								
be given out?								
Google Classroom	2	1	2	4	2	4	5	
Jotter	11	8	16	10	13	5	9	
How often?								
Daily	1	0	1	2	3	0	1	
Weekly	12	9	17	11	12	9	10	
Termly	0	0	0	1	0	0	3	
Given out?								
Mon – Thursday	5	3	4	2	5	0	2	
Mon - Friday	8	6	14	12	10	9	12	
Homework Type?								
Range of activities	7	7	14	8	10	7	5	
Specific learning focus	6	2	4	6	5	2	9	
What activities are								
valuable?								
Reading	2	2	1	4	2		2	
Spelling	1	1	1	2	3		2	
Maths	1	1	3	3	4		1	
Торіс	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	
Personal Projects	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	
Mixture of activities	9	5	13	5	6	9	9	
How should								
homework be set?								
By the teacher	8	5	8	5	5	2	8	
By your child	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	
Combination of both	5	4	10	9	10	7	6	
Total responses	13/31	9/28	18/31	14/27	15/37	9/25	14/30	92/209
Percentage	42%	32%	58%	52%	40%	36%	47%	44%

Homework will begin after the October Holidays and, as a staff, we will take your suggestions in to consideration. Further information to follow. Thank you again for taking the time to help us with this aspect of your child's learning.

Some Comments from our Homework Questionnaire – thank you for your thoughts

*Whilst I do think homework is important, I do think that 10-15mins each evening is enough. I think reading and spelling should always be a focus.

*My child would prefer not to have homework – so perhaps some separate recognition within school for completing homework.

*More feedback please so that parents know which areas require improvement.

*I think homework is important and should be set each week – this gives parents chance to be involved in kids learning and also get an idea of how they are doing.

*should include maths, spelling and reading activities.

*I am happy for homework to be given out any way that suits the school. It is helpful to have work relating to literacy/numeracy which is done in class so we can support at home if needed. *I think having some help sheets or keeping the parents informed of how some of these questions are being taught in class so we can help our children in the same way.

*It shouldn't be too onerous but not too easy either.

*Not overload with too many different things to get done in the one week.

*I think homework should include a mixture of things like science and environment based things ... these are good and keep it interesting.

*Ensure the homework doesn't take too long but is enough to reinforce learning.

** Parents Night **

Our teaching staff are looking forward to talking to you on either Monday or Tuesday of next week. We have a combination of telephone calls and Teams video meetings taking place and fingers crossed everything will work smoothly.

The time allocation for parent night appointments is 7 minutes and we greatly appreciate your support and co-operation in helping us to adhere to this.

Nursery Learning Journals

We continue to use our learning journals as our main communication with our nursery parents, please log in throughout the week to keep updated on your child's progress.

The staff will be posting weekly photographs, videos and comments of children to show their fantastic efforts in nursery and to allow you to see them in action.

The journals are also used for sending out newsletters, accident forms and general information.

** Emergency Contacts**

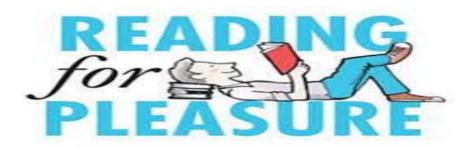
Should your emergency contact or personal details change at any time throughout the year, would you please remember to let our school/nursery office know asap in order that we have up-to-date information for your child. Thank you very much.

** Photographs**

We will be having our photographer visit us on Thursday 4th and Friday 5th November for our school children and Monday 8th and Tuesday 9th for our nursery children. Children should come to school wearing a shirt and tie on those days please – class, individual and sibling photographs will be taken over these days.

**Improvement Plan for this Session **

Can you help us with our Reading for Pleasure focus? We would be delighted to accept any donations of good quality books for our school library which we are in the process of revamping. Many thanks for all books that have already been donated.



Following the phone call our Head Pupils made to Waterstones in East Kilbride, we were delighted to receive a pack of 6 books for our school. Huge thanks to the team at Waterstones for their generosity.

**Standards and Quality Report **

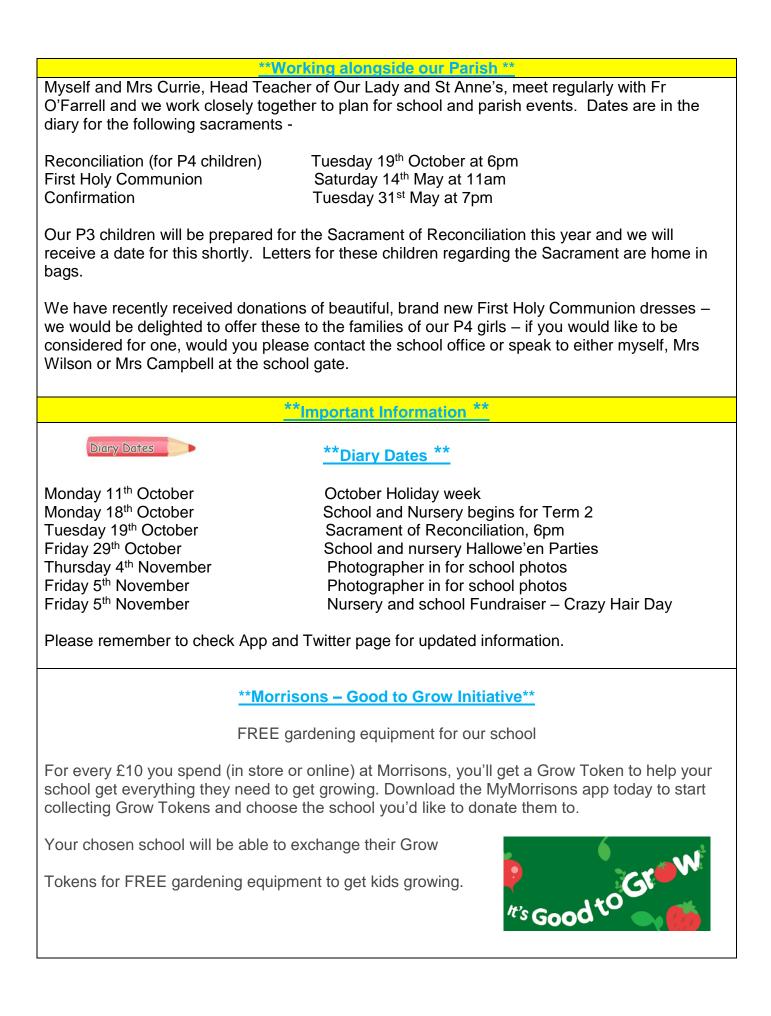
Our **Standards and Quality** Report from last session has been uploaded and is available on our website. This reflects the work and progress of our school and nursery for session 2020/2021.

** Focus on Literacy and Numeracy Support**

We have a range of support in place for our children and you may know about IDL Numeracy and IDL Literacy. Some of our children use this resource for a period of time to help them increase their confidence and skills in certain areas.

We will be introducing a new resource called Reading Eggs across our school. This provides reading and maths resources, games and activities and we will be using this in school. Each child will have a login and will also be able to access material at home. Our teaching staff have been trained on this resource and we were all very impressed with it – we think the children will love using it to help their learning.

You will shortly receive a parent information leaflet with your child's log-in details, we hope you are able to log in and enjoy using this program with your child.



**...and finally **

We hope all our staff, families and children enjoy the October break when it comes. As the weather turns that bit cooler let's hope we can get a last little bit of sunshine and warmth before autumn really takes a grip!

If at any point, you have a concern, a worry or a compliment please speak to myself, Mrs Wilson (Depute Head Teacher) or Mrs Campbell (Principal Teacher).

Many thanks to all our families for your continued support of our work – we greatly appreciate this. Best wishes everyone

Miss Christine MacPhee, Head Teacher