

Faith

Kindness

Love

Persevere

St Elizabeth's Primary School and Nursery Class

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

**Our School and Nursery Information Newsletter
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Enjoyment

Respect

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 - @StElizabetsPS.**

We also have our website which contains further important information.

Dear mums and dads, boys and girls,

We hope you enjoy our latest newsletter containing lots of information about the busy life of our school and nursery.

As always, we thank you very much for your continued support of the procedures we still need to follow in and around our school. On behalf of all the staff and children in our school, we wish all our families a very happy Christmas and very best wishes for a healthy 2022.

**** Welcome to our Children ****

We warmly welcome our new children - Muhammed in our school and Amelia in our nursery.



We are delighted to have them and their families all joining us and we look forward to working closely with your child during their time with us.

We look forward to welcoming more new nursery boys and girls and their families in the new year.

**** Health and Safety ****

In line with guidance, we are continuing to follow all health and safety procedures in our school and nursery. Regular hand washing continues to be in place in all our classrooms and playrooms, daily and weekly cleaning routines and high levels of ventilation. Whilst we monitor the temperature in classrooms, our children are welcome to wear their school hoody as well as a jumper to school as the school can become very airy. We are continuing to maintain 2m distancing between adults and children and all adults are wearing face masks in all of our communal areas.

All adults are asked to continue to please wear face masks within our school/nursery vicinity and we thank you very much for your continued support with this.



**** Breakfast Club ****

Our breakfast club runs from 8.15 to 8.45am each day and is open to any school child to attend. Children should arrive promptly and go through the dining room doors in the playground. We have a good attendance each morning and it is lovely to be able to have a wee chat with the children at this time.

**** Free School Meal ****

From January 2022, our P5 pupils will be entitled to a free school lunch each day, should they wish. This is in line with the Scottish Government's Free Meal Expansion programme.



**** Pupil Responsibilities ****



**** Pupil Engagement ****



Our recent Fun Run raised a staggering £1,600 – we are absolutely delighted with this fantastic amount and thank families and friends for all generosity. The children enjoyed their run/walk around the school and were delighted with their welcome refreshments – a drink of juice and a chocolate santa

Thank you also very much for your support with our Christmas Jumper Day and the amazing donations of cereals, tins and packets. We have had an amazing number of items donated and Hamilton Foodbank are delighted to be accepting this from us. Thank you so much everyone.



**** Houses ****



As you know, we have **4 houses** in our school

St Andrew – blue; St Columba – green; St Margaret – yellow; St Mungo – red.

Our house tokens are counted every Friday, the next count will be on Friday 7th January 2022...we wonder who is going to win this time?! Our children receive tokens for showing our values in action – kindness, faith, enjoyment, perseverance, love, respect.

Well done to all boys and girls who have received green and gold tokens so far this year.

**** Congratulations to our CHOIR! ****



Our wonderful choir performed a medley of Christmas songs on Tuesday 7th December at 11am in the Regency Shopping Centre and they were just wonderful! We are so proud of them and look forward to hearing beautiful singing over the coming months. Many thanks to everyone who voted for our choir in the competition – we are sorry to say we did not win this time but there is always next year...!

Thank you to Daniel, Katie, Aria, Coralee, Lacey, Sophie, Leo, Melissa, Jessica, Mitzi, Teagan, Thea, Devon, Sara, Jessica, Ellie, Lily May, Cayden, Mirryn, Olivia...and, of course, Robyn for all your hard work.



**** Thank you ****

Our wonderful pupils have yet again shown their responsibility, confidence and respectful ways to one another this term. We are very proud of how they have embraced their learning and have settled back in to school life, despite the restrictions still in place in school.

A huge thank you and well done to all children who have taken on extra responsibilities this term – you have all been wonderful and we look forward to more of the same next term.

I would also like to say a very special well done and thank you to our Primary 7 children who have been the most wonderful buddies to our Primary 1's. The love and care they have shown for our wee ones has been exemplary and a real joy to see.

**** School Details ****

**** 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.**

**** Christmas Jumper Day ****

This was on Friday 10th December and it was lovely to see our children coming to school and nursery wearing something Christmassy. We will happily accept any jumpers that have gotten too small and will recycle these in our school. Many thanks for the fantastic donations of cereal boxes, tins and packets all of which will go to the Hamilton Foodbank.

**** Fundraising ****

Our Fun Run has raised over £1,600 and our Christmas Raffle raised £284. This money will go to school funds and our school fund committee will meet in the new year to discuss what to spend the money on for the benefit of our children.

Our school Christmas Fayre has raised a total of £636.40 and we hope you are delighted with the beautiful Christmas goodies the children have all been busy making in class this week – they are just beautiful, well done boys and girls.

Our nursery Christmas raffle has raised a total of approximately £500 and we will have a final figure next week.

Many thanks to all children, families and friends for your wonderful support of these events. This money will go to school or nursery funds and our school fund and nursery committees will meet in the new year to discuss what to spend the money on for the benefit of all our children.

**** Hamilton South Church ****

We received 32 goodie bags from Hamilton South Church and were amazed when Joanne arrived with her laden sleigh to drop these bags off! Our school selector site has been used to randomly select lucky families to receive these bags and letters have been sent home via pupil asking that they be collected from our school office. Congratulations to all families who have been lucky enough to receive a Christmas goodie bag.

**** Cash for Kids ****

We applied for the Cash for Kids grant this year and were lucky enough to receive £1,120. We have purchased 32 ASDA vouchers each containing £35 and again our school selector site has been used to share these out among our families. Congratulations to all families who have received a gift card – we hope you enjoy spending.

**** Home Bargains ****

Our Primary 7 children recently wrote letters to businesses asking for Christmas decorations. Home Bargains replied to us to inform us they do not donate items to individual schools however their staff had a whip round and collected £25 for our school. We were blown away by their generosity! We now have 2 lovely sets of lights for our school and our Primary 7 children will select a good place for us to put them.

**** Parental Engagement ****

****School Enrolment Week****

All children who will turn 5 before the 28th February 2023 should be enrolled for school the week beginning the 17th January. Enrolments will be online again this year.

Parents within our catchment area will be advised via social media that you can begin using the online registration form to enrol your child for school in August 2022. You will need your child's full birth certificate and 2 proofs of address. Once you have completed the online registration, the form along with the child's full birth certificate and 2 proofs of residency will come directly to our office email address.

Any parents who are unable to complete an online registration form due to technology issues or that their property is not listed on the mapping system can complete a Reg1 document. This can be completed over the telephone. We must however receive your child's full birth certificate and necessary proofs of residence by email or post before the registration can be completed.

****Christmas Celebrations****

We have had a lovely week of celebrations with our children, albeit different to how we would normally do these things, but our wonderful staff have ensured all of our children have had great fun.

We all enjoyed a delicious Christmas Lunch on Wednesday 15th December and many thanks to Janet and her team for this and all the lunches throughout the year.

We hope you have managed to view our Christmas Nativity and performances by our school and nursery children. The children have all done so well and we are very proud of each and every one of them.



****Arrangements for 22nd December****



For clarity, the times for our classes on Wednesday 22nd December will be

8.40am start, 2.10pm finish

8.50am start, 2.20pm finish

9.00am start, 2.30pm finish

****Important Information****



Wednesday 22nd December
Wednesday 5th January
Monday 17th January
Wednesday 19th January
Monday 14th February
Tuesday 15th February
Wednesday 16th February

****Diary Dates****

School and Nursery closes at **2.10pm, 2.20pm and 2.30pm**
School and Nursery reopens
School enrolment week
P1 dental inspection
Monday holiday
Tuesday holiday
Staff Development Day – school and nursery closed.

Please remember to check App and Twitter page for updated information.

****...and finally****

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).

We wish everyone a very happy and holy Christmas and all the best for 2022.



Best wishes everyone,

Miss MacPhee
Head Teacher