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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,

As always, we thank you very much for your continued support of our school and nursery life. Isn't it lovely to be heading towards brighter days again ... spring is in the air!

We are continuing to follow COVID procedures in and around our school and nursery however we have also received updated guidance about being able to restart assemblies again. We are absolutely delighted about this as it has been 2 long years of virtual assemblies which are nowhere near as lovely as seeing our children altogether in our hall. I will continue to keep you updated regarding procedures and guidelines as we move along over the coming weeks.

As always our children are working very hard and we have lots of important information in this month's newsletter.



**** Breakfast Club ****

Our breakfast club continues to run from 8.15 to 8.45am each day and is open to any school child to attend.

**** School Lunches ****

We have recently had some taster sessions in our lunch hall – we have enjoyed delicious chocolate cake, strawberry jelly and pineapple cake! The children have provided feedback to Janet and her team and given their opinions. We'll be trying a range of new foods over the coming weeks – we are looking forward to these taste tests too!

**** P7 Transition ****

We are delighted to say that our P7 team building day will be going ahead this year on Friday 25th March at Holy Cross. Our P7 children are so excited about this and looking forward to meeting other P7 children from our Cluster Schools. There will also be 2 transition days in June for our children and again these will be in person – great to see life returning to more and more normality. We will get those dates to our P7 children and families as soon as we hear.

****P1 Transition****

I know August seems a long way off, but we have already begun thinking about our transition processes for nursery children starting with us in Primary 1. We have begun making contact with children joining us from other nurseries and we intend to visit nurseries to meet children before the end of term. Our current Primary 6 children will be buddies for our new Primary 1's and we are busy assigning them at the moment so that we can also begin buddy work.

We have dates for nursery and P1 children to have lunch together and to play in our playground and all nursery children joining our school will be invited along. The dates for this are Mon 23rd May, Mon 30th May, Mon 6th June and Mon 13th June. Parents are invited to join us in our lunch hall on Tuesday 14th June at 12.30pm for a taster lunch.

We will also have information sessions and meetings for our new P1 parents and we build this around the P7 Teambuilding Day. Dates for this to follow.

**** Pupil Responsibilities ****



**** Pupil Engagement ****



Our various Pupil Committees have met with various staff to discuss key focuses. Some of our older children have been involved in evaluating our Number Works Programme with our younger children.

You may remember that our Pupil Council had agreed to spend some of our fundraising money on playground equipment – this has arrived and the children are thoroughly enjoying playing with the items. The only problem is that a lot of the balls are now on our roof and they are wondering if anyone would be able to help us get them down please? If you wouldn't mind giving us a hand with this, please call the school and we'd be delighted to arrange.



**** 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 have been counted on the last Friday of the month and the winning house for this month is St Andrew. The children enjoyed a sneaky play ... well done boys and girls for great teamwork and receiving so many green and gold tokens.

**** Reading Champions ****

Our Reading Champions have met with Mrs Wilson ahead of our celebrations for World Book Day on Thursday 3rd March. Our school library will be in use from Monday 28th February and I know the children will be delighted to be able to access some of our many books.

Thank you very much for all the many donations of books and games we have received from yourselves, they have been greatly appreciated.

**** Book Fair**

We are delighted to have a Book Fair with us for one week until Friday 4th March. Children will be visiting the book fair with their class and the online link for this is also available on our school app. We hope you enjoy browsing and buying any books – happy reading!

**** Pupil Wellbeing ****

Our children from P3/4, P4/5, P5, P6 and P7 have completed a wellbeing questionnaire and given us their thoughts about our school. We are in the fortunate position to have a spare classroom this session which we are excited to be turning in to a wellbeing room for us to be able to use. We'll keep you informed of this development.

**** Our Pupil Council ****

Our pupil council would like to organise a Mother's Day Raffle as well as an Easter Competition of decorating a boiled egg. Please see their letter at the end of our newsletter.

**** Parental Engagement ****

Thank you once again for your support as we have reverted back to our normal start and finish times. We are pleased with how everything is working and so no further changes will be made at this time.

**** Numeracy Teaching ****

We know many of you would like to know how we teach various strategies in our school and we are in the process of compiling short videos that we hope will help with this as it will allow you to see the approaches we use with our children when we are teaching key number skills

**** World Book Day ****

We are looking forward to celebrating World Book Day with our boys and girls in school and nursery – children are very welcome to look out a favourite book they would like to bring to school or nursery next Thursday. We will have a variety of activities for our children to enjoy, thanks to Mrs Wilson for organising this day for us.

**** Positive Relationships and Behaviour**

During our recent in-service day, we reviewed our Positive Relationships and Behaviour Policy. A copy of the policy will be uploaded on to our website and school app for you to view. We will also issue an abbreviated version for your convenience.

As you will know, we have a Good to be Green system in place within our school and our children enjoy this system and respond very well to it. Part of this system involved yellow and red cards – the yellow card is used to indicate warnings and think time and the red card is for a consequence for inappropriate behaviour. In the event of a child receiving a red card, we will also give home a phone to inform you. We know you appreciate being kept informed of how your child is doing at school and your support is crucial to our work.

Our pupils have given us ideas about how we continue to recognise and also reward those children who remain on green week after week and they have come up with some great suggestions including a Good to be Green Card for each child, a sticker each week that goes on the card, a Head Teacher's Award at the end of term for consistent stickers and a sneaky play.

**** Attendance and Absence ****

If your child is to be absent from school, it is important you telephone the school office to let us know this. Our office staff are available from 8am and we also have an answering machine for your convenience.

If you would like to know what your child's current attendance figure is or are concerned about your child's attendance for any reason, please give our school office a call on 285080 and we will be happy to help.

**** Community Partnership ****

We have a tube of smarties for each child given from the Community Partnership. The aim is for us to fill the tube with as many coins as we can and return to school. If you do not wish your child to receive a tube of smarties, would you please let our school office know. Smarties will be distributed on Monday 28th Feb. Thank you for all support with this fundraising activity.

Important Information



Diary Dates

Wednesday 2 nd March	Community Partnership Meeting, 7pm
Thursday 3 rd March	World Book Day
Friday 25 th March	P7 Team Building Day
Monday 28 th March	Parents Night Week – more information to follow shortly
Friday 1 st April	School and Nursery Closes at 2.30pm
Tuesday 19 th April	School and Nursery reopens

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

Parish/Faith Life

Our Synod Group is continuing to meet with Mrs Campbell. This is an important opportunity for us to give and record our views and thoughts about the Church today and we are grateful to the children who have volunteered to be part of this.

Sacramental Preparation

We were delighted to have had Fr O'Farrell in our school recently to present the Sacramental Workbooks to our children in P3 for Reconciliation and in P4 for First Holy Communion. The children have now begun their preparation. Father will shortly be presenting the Workbooks to our P7 Confirmandi and they will also then begin their preparation. We would be delighted if you would please keep our children in your prayers over the coming months.

Lent

We celebrate Ash Wednesday on Wed 2nd March and during Lent we will again be collecting donations for SCIAF (Scottish Catholic International Aid Fund). Our Pupil Focus Group have come up with the following focuses for each week.

Friday 4th March – Crazy Hair Day
Friday 11th – Rainbow Day (wear as many colours as you want)
Friday 18th – Back-to-Front Day
Friday 25th – Silly socks day
Friday 1st – No work Day.

Each of these Fridays is non uniform as well. Any donations for SCIAF would be very welcome on any of these days.

...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).

Best wishes everyone,

Miss MacPhee
Head Teacher



St Elizabeth's Primary School



The Pupil Council

Mother's day raffle : so we are thinking of planning a mother's day raffle so we kindly ask for any small donations that we could use for a fabulous hamper.

Each raffle ticket will be a great price of £1!

The Hamper will include. Large : wine, candles, wax melts, hand- made ornaments, a lovely teddy bear that says happy Mother's Day!, and last of all a Mother's day poem with a beautiful white frame.

The next hamper will be sized a small this hamper will include : Chocolates, wine glasses along with a tester, some lovely smelling candles and a mother's day Key-chain.

Would you please hand any donations in to the school office?

Kind regards

Laila, Devon and Melissa.

