

Faith

Kindness

Love

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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**

**January 2022**

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. We have all settled well after our Christmas break and the children are working hard in their classes and pods. As always, our school and nursery are busy learning environments with so much going on - we hope our newsletter gives you a flavour of this and that you find the information helpful and informative. Happy reading!

In line with advice, we are continuing to follow COVID procedures in and around 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. We still operate class bubbles within our building but children are able to mix with one another in the playground. Our staggered start and finish times have to remain for the time being.

**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.**



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

We warmly welcome our new children Roxanna welcome to St Elizabeth's.



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.**

**\*\* Breakfast Club \*\***

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

**\*\* Free School Meal \*\***

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

**\*\* P7 Transition \*\***

We were delighted to welcome Mrs Fagan, the Depute Head from Holy Cross, when she visited our P7 children recently to give them an introduction into life in Holy Cross. The children enjoyed having a real life visit and listened attentively to the information.

We hope our P7 parents and families enjoyed the recent virtual Transition Information Session and found this informative. We will continue to liaise with Holy Cross over the coming months and look forward to transition events taking place as we move throughout the year.

## **\*\* Pupil Responsibilities \*\***



### **\*\* Pupil Engagement \*\***

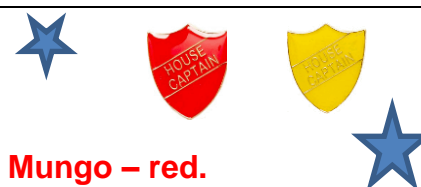


Our School Fund Committee met to discuss spending the fantastic amount of money raised just before Christmas time. The committee have agreed to purchase playground games and equipment as well as headphones and mice for our chrome books and computers. There is great excitement among our children about the playground equipment in particular as they thoroughly enjoy playing with this at break times.



### **\*\* 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 on the last Friday of the month and the winning house for this month is St Margaret. I believe they enjoyed a sneaky play last Friday...!

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

## **\*\* 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 all parents for co-operating with us on this. Could we also ask that sugary sweets are limited please as much as possible. Thank you for your support and help.**

## **\*\* Parental Engagement \*\***

### **\*\* Enrolment for Primary 1 \*\***

All children who will turn 5 before the 28<sup>th</sup> February 2023 should now have enrolled for school and this applies whether or not a deferred year at nursery is being considered.

### **\*\* Burns Day Celebrations \*\***

We hope you enjoyed our Burns Day poems and songs brought to you via our virtual platform. As you know, we would usually enjoy celebrating with a coffee morning however, as this was not possible again this year, we thought we would come to you via our Twitter page and learning journals!



Many thanks to all staff for preparing the children so well and to Mrs Campbell for videoing each class and then uploading on to Twitter for us all to enjoy.






### **\*\* World Book Day \*\***

Our boys and girls are asked to look out a favourite book they would like to bring to school or nursery for World Book Day. We are looking forward to celebrating this special day on 3<sup>rd</sup> March.

## **\*\*Attendance and Absence\*\***

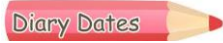
If your child is to be absent from school, it is important you telephone the school office to let us know this. Our office staff are available from 8am and we also have an answering machine for your convenience.

We monitor every child's attendance at school on a weekly basis and use the information below from South Lanarkshire Council as a guide to each child's level of attendance.

<p><b>Above 95%</b></p> <p><b>Well Done</b></p>  <p>High attendance leads to improved and high achievement which means greater success!</p>	<p><b>95% or less</b></p> <p><b>Slight Concern</b></p>  <p>This is the same as missing <b>9 school days</b>; nearly 2 weeks!</p>	<p><b>90% or less</b></p> <p><b>Concerning</b></p>  <p>This is the same as missing <b>19 school days</b>; almost 4 weeks.</p>	<p><b>85% or less</b></p> <p><b>Risk of Underachievement</b></p>  <p>This is the same as missing <b>27 school days</b>; just less than 6 weeks!</p>	<p><b>80% or less</b></p> <p><b>Severe risk of Underachievement</b></p>  <p>This is the same as missing <b>36 school days</b>; just less than 8 weeks!</p>
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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.

**\*\* Important Information \*\***



**\*\* Diary Dates \*\***

Monday 14<sup>th</sup> February  
Tuesday 15<sup>th</sup> February  
Wednesday 16<sup>th</sup> February  
Thursday 3<sup>rd</sup> March

Monday holiday  
Tuesday holiday  
Staff Development Day – school and nursery closed.  
World Book Day

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

**\*\* Parish/Faith Life \*\***

We are delighted to announce our new Synod Group – this is a group of children from P6 and P7 who have volunteered to meet to discuss their thoughts on the life of the Church today.

We have Luca, Jaiden, Ellie, Jessica, Jamie, Ellie, Lily, Kai, Toby, Rohan, Olivia, Jacob, Kian, Daniel and Beth.

Thank you to all children who have volunteered and also to Mrs Campbell for leading this group.

**\*\* ...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