

Faith

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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,

Please find important information and updates contained in our latest newsletter. We are delighted to be able to offer dates for you to come along to our school and to join us in several fun events and we look forward to seeing as many of you as possible over the coming weeks.

This week we will also be uploading a parental questionnaire specific to our school and would greatly appreciate your views and opinions regarding important events such as parents evening, etc. Many thanks for giving us your thoughts – they will help to form events we offer next session.

**** 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. Children are not allowed out in to the playground until 8.30am. We have adult supervision in our playground from 8.45am each day.

**** P7 Transition ****

There are a few upcoming transition events for our Primary 7 children. There is a Curriculum Evening on Monday 30th May from 6.00-7.30pm and children and families are invited along to this. Then we have our 2 induction days on Thursday 9th and Friday 10th June where our children will be in Holy Cross on both days and begin to experience Secondary School life.

****P1 Transition****

Our Primary 1 transition is now well underway. Alongside our P6 buddies, I have visited nurseries to meet our new children joining us in Primary 1 in August. We have had a lovely time meeting them and our older children were of course superb ambassadors for our school.

We are also beginning nursery and Primary 1 lunches, along with the relevant buddies, and this will happen every Monday - Mon 30th May, Mon 6th June and Mon 13th June.

Our new P1 parents are invited to join us in our lunch hall on Tuesday 7th June at 12.30pm for a delicious taster lunch – we are looking forward to seeing you then.

Thursday 9th and Friday 10th June – our new children and families are invited in to school and arrangements for this has been sent to all our new families. We are really looking forward to having our children and families in school with us and showing our school off.

****Nursery Transition****

Many of our nursery children will be changing rooms and we will have new children joining us in August as well as throughout the year. We have begun work to help ensure all changes are as smooth as possible for our children and families.

**** Pupil Responsibilities ****



**** Pupil Engagement ****



Our Pupil Council are focusing on evaluating number talks, getting opinions, suggestions and ideas from pupils across our school. Our Participatory Budget Group will be involved in developing and evaluating our outdoor play area which is now being created as a result of new resources arriving. We are excited to develop this area and look forward to having lots of fun with our new equipment.

Our Pupil Focus Group, Head Boy/Girl, House and Vice House Captains have been creating a questionnaire for parents on parental engagement and getting your ideas – this will be winging its way to you shortly via parent pay.

All our children contribute their ideas and suggestions to our focus groups and we all help drive and build our priorities across our school and nursery.



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

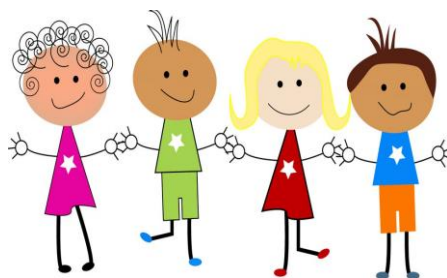


St Andrew – blue; St Columba – green; St Margaret – yellow; St Mungo – red.

Our children enjoyed a house colours day last Friday and very kindly donated lots of goodies in house colours. Thank you so much for your support with this.

**** Pupil Wellbeing****

We have appointed our Wellbeing Warriors for the rest of this term. We had an amazing number of applications from our wonderful children, all of whom are wellbeing champions in their own right. Thank you boys and girls for living our values of respect, love and kindness each day in our school and nursery.



**** Parental Engagement ****

****National Survey****

You are invited to complete a national survey on Parental Involvement and Engagement. This has been uploaded on to Parent Pay for your convenience.

Moving forward, we intend to use Parent Pay for uploading our school and nursery letters, permission slips, surveys etc. This will be in addition to our School App and Twitter.

****P7 Residential Trips****

Our P7 Residential Trip has taken place from Monday 16th to Wednesday 18th May and the children and staff had a fantastic time. We are now booked up for September this year and our P7 children will have the opportunity to enjoy this wonderful experience.

We have an information session planned for **Tuesday 23rd August at 6.30pm**. This will be a virtual event via the Google Classroom and all our children are able to log in to this.

****Attendance and Absence****

If your child is to be absent from school, it is important you please 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.

We have several children arriving late for school and this affects their morning routine as they may have missed important information about the day ahead and their learning. Parents are asked to ensure your child is at school for 9am each day, ready to learn...thank you.

****Dress to Impress – Afternoon Tea****

We are having a Dress to Impress afternoon tea at 1.30pm on Wednesday 1st June. There will also be a special lunch menu that day to mark the Queen's Jubilee, menus are home in bags and will be uploaded to our App. The nursery and school children are busy learning a variety of songs and we hope the afternoon will be dry so that our school and nursery families are able to join us in our playground.

Should it be a wet afternoon however each class will have their own celebration in their classrooms and we will record the children singing and then upload this for everyone to enjoy.

Fingers crossed the sun will shine!



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

**** Sacramental Preparation****

Many of our Primary 4 children recently received the Sacrament of First Holy Communion and they had a really beautiful Mass and a lovely day celebrating. The children were superb and we were very proud of them all. They then enjoyed a party in school, many thanks to our Community Partnership for providing lovely goodies for them.

We are now looking forward to our P7 children receiving the Sacrament of Confirmation on Tuesday 31st May at 7pm in Our Lady and St Anne's Church.

We ask that you keep our children in your prayers as they undertake their Sacraments.

****Rosary at Carfin Grotto****

We were very proud to have 5 children from our Primary 5 class represent our school recently at a special Rosary event in Carfin Grotto. Father Grant was very impressed by our wonderful children and they did such a good job of each leading a decade of the rosary. Very well done to Melissa, Sophie, Mitzi, Liam and Katie and thank you to Mrs Campbell for organising this for us.

**** Ascension Thursday ****

We will have Mass in our school hall on Thursday 26th May at 1.45pm for Ascension Thursday. Parishioners and families are welcome to attend.

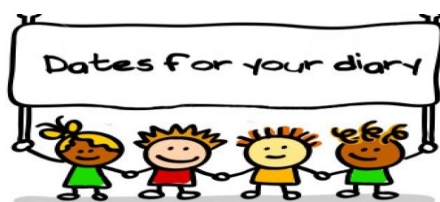
**** SVDP****

We have received a very kind donation of gift vouchers for ASDA which the Saint Vincent de Paul Society have asked that we distribute amongst our families. We will use our school selector site to choose names out of the hat.

One lucky family will also receive £50 in cash, which has been donated to us by the Church and we send our thanks to Father O'Farrell



****Important Diary Dates****



Friday 27 th May	Holiday
Tuesday 31 st May	Confirmation, 7pm in Our Lady and St Anne's Church
Wednesday 1 st June	Confirmation Party in school (am)
Wednesday 1 st June	School tea party to celebrate Queen's Jubilee, 1.30pm, parents are welcome to attend, weather permitting
Thursday 2 nd June	Holiday
Friday 3 rd June	Holiday
Thursday 16 th June	Teddy Bears Picnic for our ante-pre and 2/3 room nursery Children
Friday 17 th June	Sports Day – school at 10am, nursery at 1.30pm parents are welcome to attend these events
Friday 17 th June	End-of-Term reports out to parents
Monday 20 th June	Nursery Graduation and Fun Day, parents welcome
Wednesday 22 nd June	P7 Leaver's Service, 1.30pm, parents welcome
Thursday 23 rd June	P7 Fun Day
Friday 24 th June	School and Nursery close at 1pm for Summer Holidays
Wednesday 17 th August	Children return to School and Nursery

****...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