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St Elizabeth's Primary School and Nursery Class

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Our School and Nursery Information Newsletter August 2022

Enjoyment

Respect

Dear mums and dads, boys and girls,

Welcome back to a brand new term! We hope you have had a wonderful summer enjoying special time with family and friends and also enjoying the lovely sunshine we had. A very warm welcome to those families and children who are joining our school for the first time this year.

We have started our new term on an extremely positive note and the children are all looking so well and so incredibly smart in their school uniform, thank you to all parents and families for your fantastic support of our high standards with uniform. Our nursery children have all settled well too and are thoroughly enjoying being back in our nursery and seeing their friends again.

We look forward to another exciting, busy and successful year ahead in St Elizabeth's and are excited to have the opportunity to have our parents and families back in our school and nursery.

On a personal note, you may have heard that I got married over the summer and so Miss MacPhee has now become Mrs Grant! Thank you all very much for your good wishes.

***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.

**** Welcome ****

We are delighted to welcome all our new Primary 1 children and families! It is just wonderful to have you as part of our school. A very warm welcome to our new children Adam and Byvie who have joined our older classes

We also welcome Mrs Zagroba who has joined our team for this year on her NQT year and Mrs Shields who is with us on temporary basis Wednesday to Friday for the year.

In our nursery, Megan has returned from maternity leave and is with us at the end of the week and Amanda is with us Wednesday to Friday.

**** School Uniform ****

Further to our school uniform, we are reintroducing the use of black plimsolls within our school in order to help maintain a clean environment. You may remember we had this in place pre COVID and it is lovely to be able to return to this again.

All children are required to have black plimsolls with them please – we have brand new ones available in school which can be purchased for a small donation should anyone require.

For PE the school children wear their blue polo shirt and plain black shorts or leggings. They will also wear their plimsolls to the PE hall in line with Health and Safety. PE is done twice a week and the PE days are as follows –

Primary 1	Monday and Wednesday
Primary 2	Tuesday and Thursday
Primary 3	Wednesday and Thursday
Primary 4	Monday and Wednesday
Primary 5	Tuesday and Thursday
Primary 6A	Tuesday and Wednesday
Primary 6B	Monday and Tuesday
Primary 7	Monday and Thursday

Our nursery children also take part in PE lessons and use the school gym hall every day between 10 and 10.45am. Please help us by writing your child's name on all their belongings – this helps to make life so much easier for everyone when items are lost or misplaced.

Your support with our uniform is wonderful and very much appreciated by us...thank you all very much.

Thank you

We are absolutely delighted with the amount of money that has been collected by yourselves and friends of our school within the community. You may have heard that some of our school playground equipment was badly damaged over the summer and so many people have been upset by this that a decision was taken to try to raise funds for us. Thank you to everyone who has kindly donated to this – we are overwhelmed with your generosity. We will consult with our children and let you know what we decide to buy for our school...thank you!

** Come and Join us at School and Nursery**

We are kicking off the year with our first event to which you are invited – it is a Come and Meet Us and Read afternoon on Thursday 25th August! This afternoon starts at 1.30pm and will involve a brief outline of our key focuses for this year and then you will be welcome to go to your child's class/playroom to read to/with them. We look forward to seeing you if you are able to attend.

** Breakfast Club**

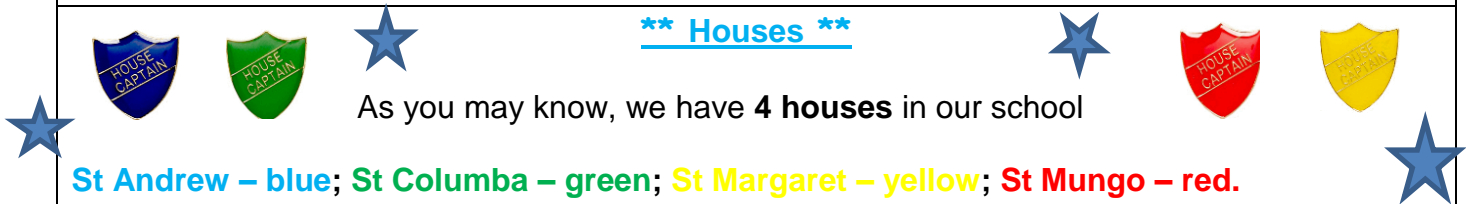
Our breakfast club continues to run from 8.15 to 8.45am each day and is open to any school child to attend. Children are not allowed out in to the playground until 8.30am. We have adult supervision in our playground from 8.45am each day.



** Pupil Engagement**



We are promoting a love of reading across our school and nursery this year and are looking for Reading Ambassadors from our P4 to P7 children. Children in these classes have application forms home in bags and we ask that these are returned to school by Tuesday 23rd August.



** Houses**

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

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

Each child and member of staff in our school is in a particular house. We will send out further information next week, particularly for our new children. We keep families together in the same house. We will shortly let you know of house events that we are planning for this session and our wonderful House Captains and their Vice Captains will also be introducing themselves to you – watch out for them appearing on our Twitter feed!

****P7 Residential Trip****

Our P7 Residential Trip will take place from Monday 12th to Friday 16 September and the children are all getting very excited. 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 6.00pm**. 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 unwell and will be absent from school, it is important you please telephone the school office on the first day of absence to let us know this. Our office staff are available from 8am and we also have an answering machine for your convenience. If your child has an appointment to attend during the school day, please let our office staff know in advance.

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

We will have Mass in our school hall on Wednesday 24th August at 1.30pm – families and friends are very welcome to come along to our school for this.

We would like to thank Aidan, Ellie, Lily-May and Sara for being fantastic Missio Champions last session. We are now looking for new P6 children to fulfil this role. Children in P6A and P6B will be given application forms to complete this week if interested. We ask that these be returned to school by Friday 2nd September.

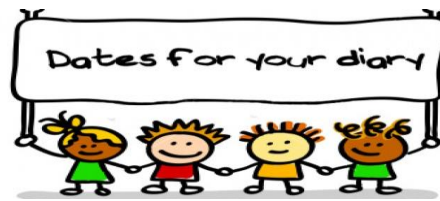
**** Saint Vincent De Paul****

We are delighted to say we have received a very kind donation of gift vouchers for ASDA, the Co-Op and Primark 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 and these will be distributed next week.



The contact number for this charity is 07359117962 and our contact is Liam. Liam has asked that the number be publicised as SVDP are keen to help families and our school in whatever way they can. Please note all calls will be in confidence

**** Important Diary Dates ****



Thursday 25 th August	1.30pm Come along to school and read with your child
Friday 26 th August	Photographer in school for P1 & P7 photographs with siblings
Wednesday 31 st August	7pm Community Partnership Meeting, venue to be confirmed
Tbc	Reconciliation for P4 children – date to be confirmed
Friday 2 nd September	Fun Run Fundraiser
Wednesday 5 th October shortly)	Parents Night (letters re appointment times will be distributed
Friday 7 th October	Missio Champions Commissioning Mass at St. Francis Xavier Church, Carfin at 1.00pm

****...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, here's to a great year ahead for us all!

Mrs Grant
Head Teacher