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August 2025 Newsletter

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Dear Parents/Carers,



Welcome back! It is so lovely to see the children return after the summer holidays, excited for the session ahead! It is great to see everyone wearing school uniform and looking very smart indeed. As always, we have a busy session ahead with lots of initiatives planned to continue to raise attainment and improve the health and wellbeing of all our children in the school and ELC. Full details of our school improvement priorities can be found on our school app and website from 31 August. Should you have any questions regarding our school improvement please do not hesitate to get in touch.

Best wishes,

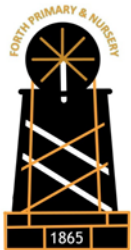
Elizabeth Steele
Head Teacher

Staffing Update

I am now in a position to share who will be working in each class across the school now that our staffing has been confirmed.

Head Teacher	Mrs Steele
Principal Teacher	Mr Dickson
Principal Teacher	Mrs Griffiths
Primary 1	Mrs Andrews
Primary 1/2	Mrs Roberts
Primary 3	Mrs Padkin & Mr Dickson
Primary 4	Mrs Crone
Primary 5	Mrs Hutchinson & Mrs Griffiths
Primary 6	Miss Dunlop
Primary 7	Mrs Whyte
CCC	Mrs Griffiths, Mrs Hall and Mr Dickson





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Please note that both Mr Dickson and Mrs Griffiths have teaching commitments this session. Should you wish to

Meet the Teacher Event

On Thursday 4 September there will be an opportunity for parents and pupils to come into the school from 3-3:45pm to see around their child/children's class and meet the class teacher. Not only will you be able to chat informally with the class teacher to hear how your child has settled but you will be able to view samples of your child's work and see around the learning environment to help you to continue to support learning at home.



Please note this will not be the forum for any in-depth discussion around any particular concerns you may have; these should be discussed with the Head teacher or Principal Teachers on a more formal basis. Should this be required please make an appointment via the school office.

Soup-er Celebration

Following the meet the teacher event on Thursday 4 September there will be soup available in the canteen for everyone. The soup has been made with our polytunnel produce and we would love for everyone to come along and enjoy a freshly cooked bowl with some bread.

School Improvement

We continue to have a sharp focus on raising attainment in literacy and numeracy here at Forth.

To give children the best chance to succeed we must continue to focus on pupil attendance. There is a direct link between pupil attendance and pupil attainment – please send your child to school unless there are valid reasons for them staying at home.





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Name Tags



Please remember to write your child's name on their clothing/bag/lunchbox etc. With all children in school uniform it is very difficult to ensure pupils bring home their items unless they have names on them. We have already had some jackets go missing – if your child has someone else's jacket on please return it to school to be returned to it's owner, thank you.

Parking

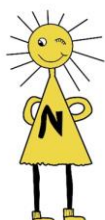
Huge thanks to everyone for their support in helping ensure our car park remained a safe place for the children last session. From 8:40am-9:05am and then again at 2:40pm- 3:05pm our car park will be closed to all transport with the exceptions of school transport and disabled drivers. The health and safety of the children is our main priority and having this system in place allows the children to leave the school grounds safely. I would ask that pedestrians stick to the paths when leaving school at 3pm rather than walking across the car park – there are still disabled drivers and school passenger transport accessing the car park – using the paths remains the safest exit.



P.E.

Here are your child's PE days. Please ensure children have suitable clothing and shoes for PE – don't forget to put names on everything please!

<u>Stage</u>	<u>Gym Days</u>
<u>P1</u>	<u>Wednesday and Friday</u>
<u>P1/2</u>	<u>Tuesday and Friday</u>
<u>P3</u>	<u>Monday and Tuesday</u>





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<u>P4</u>	<u>Tuesday and Thursday</u>
<u>P5</u>	<u>Wednesday and Thursday</u>
<u>P6</u>	<u>Wednesday and Thursday</u>
<u>P7</u>	<u>Monday and Thursday</u>

App



We would encourage all families to download our school app. This is suitable for Android and Apple devices and can be accessed via the app/play store searching for 'School App for Parents' once downloaded search for Forth Primary School. Alternatively scan the QR code to download the app. Here you will find weekly updates from the nursery and classes as well as any live updates/bulletins.



Parent Council

Our next meeting will be our AGM. This will take place on Tuesday 23 September at 7pm in the school - all welcome to attend.

Whole School Events

As was the case last session we have tried to plan our whole school events and special assemblies in advance to allow parents and carers to make the necessary arrangements to be able to attend. See the Dates for Your Diary section for more information.

Dress Down Days

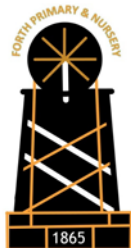
We will continue to host a dress down day, normally the last Friday of the month. For those people who are able to donate, we will use this as an opportunity to raise Gala Day/Parent Council funds. A donation of up to £1 may be given on a dress down day – this is not compulsory but helps us ensure everyone can participate in our Gala Day entry at no cost. Please see dates in the diary section below.

**DRESS
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Correspondence

Finally, should you have any concerns or need to contact the school out with school hours please use the office email address to communicate rather than contacting individual teaching staff. Any information received by the school office will be shared with the necessary staff and





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dealt with as appropriate. The office email address is office@forth-pri.s-lanark.sch.uk – many thanks for your cooperation.

Dates for your Diary...

Date	Event
4.9.25	Meet the Teacher 3-3:45pm followed by our Souper Celebration in the canteen area.
25.9.25	Dress Down Day – This is a Thursday
26.9.25	HOLIDAY
29.9.25	HOLIDAY
9.10.25	Parents’ Evening Details TBC
24.10.25	Primary 6 Assembly 10am
31.10.25	Dress Down Day
30.10.25	Parent Council Hallowe’en Disco – Details TBC
7.11.25	Primary 1/2 Assembly 10am
10.11.25	Inservice-Day 3 – School Closed for Pupils
28.11.25	Dress Down Day
11.12.25	Christmas Celebration 1:30pm
12.12.25	Christmas Celebration 10am
16.12.25	P5-7 Christmas Party 1.15-3pm
17.12.25	P3/4 Christmas Party 1.15-3pm
18.12.25	P1/2 Christmas Party 1.15-3pm
19.12.25	School Closes 2.30pm Dress Down Day
5.1.26	School Reopens
23.1.26	Scottish Celebration 10am
30.1.26	Dress Down Day
12.2.26	Parent Council Valentine Disco – Details TBC
16.2.26	HOLIDAY
17.2.26	HOLIDAY
19.2.26	Inservice Day 4 – School Closed for Pupils
27.2.26	Primary 4 Assembly 10am
5.3.26	Parents’ Evening Details TBC
13.3.26	Primary 1 Assembly 10am





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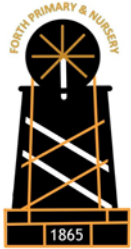
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16.3.26	Primary 7 Pupils to Forth Castle Residential
27.3.26	Dress Down Day
2.4.26	School Closes 2.30pm Dress Down Day
20.4.26	School Reopens
24.4.26	Dress Down Day
1.5.25	Primary 3 Assembly 10am
4.5.26	HOLIDAY
7.5.26	Inservice Day 5 – School Closed for Pupils
15.5.26	Primary 5 Assembly 10am
22.5.26	HOLIDAY
25.5.26	HOLIDAY
27.5.26	Sports Day – Details TBC
29.5.26	Dress Down Day
19.6.26	P7 Leavers’ Assembly 10am
22.6.26	Annual Awards Celebration 10am P7 Leavers’ Disco 6:30-8pm
25.6.26	School Closes 1pm Dress Down Day





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Nursery News

It is wonderful to have our returners back and to see them so happy, confident and independent in their play and nursery routines. As always, we encourage you to ensure your child's name is on all items of clothing and footwear. Please also send your child with a change of clothes in their bag.

Congratulations

Huge congratulations to the new Mrs Roberson! Eilidh was a beautiful bride and we wish her and Craig all the best in their married life 😊



Staffing Update

Sadly Kirsty, our Team Leader in the Nursery has taken the difficult decision to step down from her role at Forth Nursery due to health reasons. Kirsty has been a great asset to the team and has had a positive impact on so many children and families. We wish her all the very best for the future, she will be missed.





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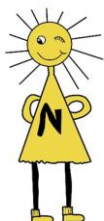
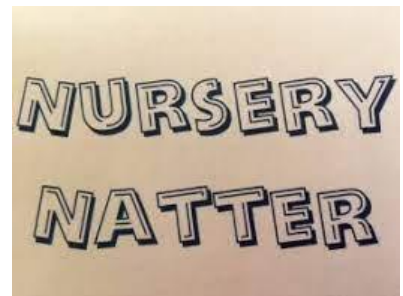
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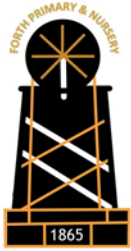
Sharon Harkin will continue in her role as Acting Team Leader until such times as the post is advertised and filled. Please see below the contact person for each of our nursery groups. Please do not hesitate to speak to the members of staff should you have any questions or concerns.

Purple Group	Lynn
Red Group	Debbie
Blue Group	Clare
Green Group	Carole
Yellow Group	Eilidh and Lyndsey
Orange Group	Louise and Katie
Gold Group	Lorraine
Silver Group	Nikki
Pink Group	Lianne
Early Years Support	Lynsey and Minna

Nursery Natters

Our Friday morning Nursery Natter group will start again on Friday 22 August. This takes place in what was the library from 9-10.30am. This is for parents/carers and children who are under nursery age to come along, play and enjoy a cuppa and a blether.





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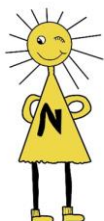
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Learning Journals

From now, moving forward any incidents, accidents or illness will be recorded and shared through learning journals. Parents/carers will receive an email to inform that something has been added to the learning journal, and you will be required to log in to view and click to acknowledge receipt of the notification. This new method allows parents to hear of any incidents in real time and the facility to upload a photo means you can see whatever the notification is in reference to.

If there are any issues accessing this information, please speak to a member of nursery staff.





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