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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,

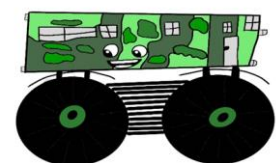
Elizabeth Steele  
Head Teacher

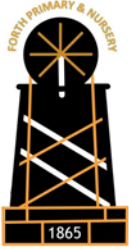
### Staffing Update

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.

Primary 1	Mrs Roberts
Primary 2	Miss Small
Primary 3	Mrs Andrews
Primary 4	Miss Dunlop
Primary 5	Mrs Hutchinson & Miss Smith
Primary 6	Mrs Frame and Mrs Shilliday
Primary 7	Mrs Crone & Mr Dickson

CCC/Nursery Support for Learning    Mrs Griffiths





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### Meet the Teacher Event

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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 Teacher 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 12 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

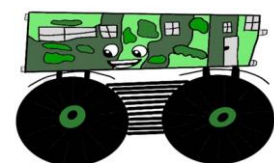
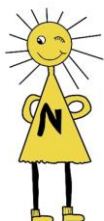
We continue to have a sharp focus on raising attainment in literacy and numeracy here at Forth.

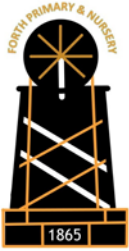
To give children the best chance to succeed we must continue to focus on pupil attendance. There is a direct link between pupil attendance and pupil attainment – please send your child to school unless there are valid reasons for them staying at home.



Raising attainment in writing and supporting skills development will be our two targeted areas for improvement. Our summarised plan, which using this link: <https://manage.appscentral.co.uk/uploads/client/documents/2937/5d2d9c5418d2c5cc3a0e01a3e156d5f4.pdf>

will give you some insight into how we plan to do this across the school session. These areas have been identified through close analysis of our attainment data as at June 2024 and tracking and attainment discussions with staff.





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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

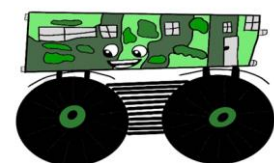
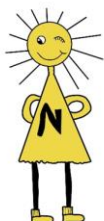
Huge thanks to everyone for their support in helping ensure our car park remained a safe place for the children last session. From 8:40am-9:05am and then again at 2:40pm- 3:05pm our car park will be closed to all transport with the exceptions of school transport and disabled drivers. The health and safety 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>P2</u>	<u>Monday and Thursday</u>
<u>P3</u>	<u>Tuesday and Thursday</u>
<u>P4</u>	<u>Wednesday and Friday</u>
<u>P5</u>	<u>Tuesday and Thursday</u>
<u>P6</u>	<u>Monday (Swimming) and Friday</u>
<u>P7</u>	<u>Monday and Wednesday</u>





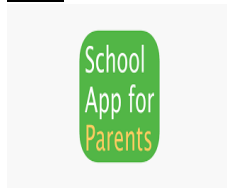
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### App



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 24 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. Please note we have still to include a date for Primary 5 Assembly.

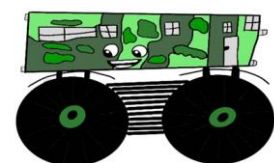
### Dress Down Days

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.



### Fairtrade Tuckshop

The theme for Fairtrade Fortnight 2024 is 'Be the Change' our Fairtrade Committee will be organising and running a Fairtrade Tuckshop on Friday 20 September. Fairtrade snacks will be sold for the children to enjoy at interval that day. Keep an eye on the app for information regarding cost – this will be kept to a minimum.





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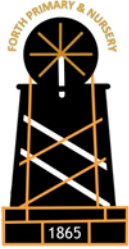
### Correspondence

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

### Dates for your Diary...

Date	Event
12.9.24	Meet the Teacher 3-3:45pm followed by our Souper Celebration in the canteen area.
26.9.24	Dress Down Day – This is a Thursday
27.9.24	HOLIDAY
30.9.24	HOLIDAY
25.10.24	Dress Down Day
30.10.24	Parent Council Hallowe’en Disco – Details TBC
1.11.24	P4 Assembly 9.30am
7.11.24	Parents’ Evening Details TBC
11.11.24	Inservice-Day 3 – School Closed for Pupils
29.11.24	P3 Assembly 9.30am
29.11.24	Dress Down Day
13.12.24	Christmas Celebration – 2 shows – 10am and 1:30pm
16.12.24	P5-7 Christmas Party 1.15-3pm
17.12.24	P3/4 Christmas Party 1.15-3pm
18.12.24	P1/2 Christmas Party 1.15-3pm
20.12.24	School Closes 2.30pm Dress Down Day
6.1.25	School Reopens
25.1.25	Scottish Celebration – Details TBC
31.1.25	Dress Down Day
13.2.25	Parent Council Valentine Disco – Details TBC
17.2.25	HOLIDAY
18.2.25	HOLIDAY





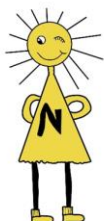
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19.2.25	Inservice Day 4 – School Closed for Pupils
28.2.25	Primary 6 Assembly 9.30am
28.2.25	Dress Down Day
6.3.25	Parents’ Evening Details TBC
17.3.25	Primary 7 Pupils to Forth Castle Residential
28.3.25	P1 Assembly
28.3.25	Dress Down Day
4.4.25	School Closes 2.30pm Dress Down Day
22.4.25	School Reopens
25.4.25	Dress Down Day
1.5.25	Inservice Day 5 – School Closed for Pupils
5.5.25	HOLIDAY
9.5.25	Primary 2 Assembly
23.5.25	HOLIDAY
26.5.25	HOLIDAY
28.5.25	Sports Day – Details TBC
30.5.25	Dress Down Day
20.6.25	P7 Leavers’ Assembly
23.6.25	P7 Leavers’ Disco
25.6.25	School Closes 1pm Dress Down Day





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### Nursery News

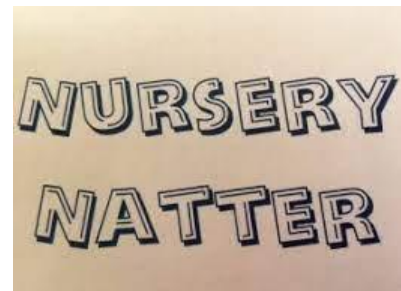
It is wonderful to have our returners back for their pre-school year and to see them so happy, confident and independent in their play and nursery routines. We are loving meeting our new children and helping them settle into the nursery. With our new expanded environment there are so many fabulous resources and opportunities for the children to enjoy.

### Change of Clothes

Please ensure your child has a change of clothes in their bag.

### Nursery Natters

Our Friday morning Nursery Natter group has started again. This takes place in the community room 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. We were delighted at how popular this event became last session and look forward to welcoming old and new members!

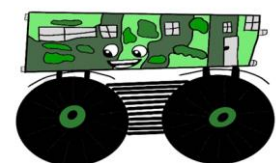


### Nursery Improvement

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for detail around our Nursery Improvement Priority for this session. Our focus will be to develop provision and increase competency in writing in the ELC and to Introduce SLC Skills Framework to support skills development at all stages of the nursery.





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