

Forth Primary School and ELC May 2022 Newsletter

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Dear Parents/Carers

Here we are in the final term of the session and it looks like it is going to fly past! I have had a lovely few weeks being a part of the Forth Family, getting to know the children in both the school and nursery and I very much look forward to working in partnership with staff, pupils and parents/carers as we continue to build on the wonderful work at Forth Primary School and Nursery. I felt it worthwhile to outline some of the things coming our way from now until the end of the session, further details can be found on the school app.

Best wishes, Elizabeth Steele

Transition



We were delighted to welcome P7 Parents and Carers as well as staff from Carluke High School back to the school building for a transition meeting last month. A follow up to this took place at Carluke High School for parents/carers as well as the future S1 on Wednesday 4 May. At this information session children heard a bit more about life at Carluke High, were given a tour around the school and heard their class details. A letter confirming the class details and electives for S1 will be sent home on Friday 6 May.

Wiston Lodge

Our Primary 7 pupils had a wonderful time at Wiston Lodge for their residential visit last week. They took part in many activities, pushing themselves to the limit! Staff accompanying the children were full of praise with regards to their attitude and behaviour and the staff from Wiston



Lodge were highly complementary too. We have already put the wheels in motion for our current Primary 6 in terms of gauging interest in numbers for a residential experience at Wiston once again next session.

P4/5 After School Club



Mr Dickson has organised a Multi-Sports Club for our Primary 4/5 children which will take place after school beginning Tuesday 10 May from 3-4pm until Tuesday 14 June at the Willie Waddell Sports Centre. As was the case with previous clubs, parents/carers should collect their children from school and take them to the Sports Centre, collecting them there when the club finishes. Those children who wish to attend should return their forms to Mr Dickson as soon as possible.



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Parking

I wish to extend my thanks to everyone for their support in helping ensure our car park remains a safe place for the children. 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.

Parent Council

I will be meeting with the Parent Council on Tuesday 10 May at 7pm. Should you have any questions of concerns you wish to be raised at that meeting please do this in the usual way by contacting out Parent Council Chairperson, Jennifer Chalmers.



Step-Up Day



While our Primary 7 enjoy life as secondary pupils the remainder of the school will be participating in 'Step-Up Day.' This is an opportunity for pupils to move to the class they will be in next session and a chance to meet with their new teacher. This will take place on Wednesday 1 June. At this time we are unable to share information on teaching staff as we await final information from Headquarters on our allocations for next session. When we have this information we will be sure to share this with you.

The Queen's Platinum Jubilee

Week beginning Monday 30 June, we will be celebrating the Queen's Platinum Jubilee. All pupils from school and nursery will be offered a special celebratory lunch on Wednesday 1 June which we hope, weather permitting will take the shape of a garden party! We are busy planning some school based events to help celebrate this momentous occasion! Look out for more information in the coming weeks.





Sports' Day

We will be celebrating Sports' Day on Thursday 9 June at the Willie Waddell Sports Centre - further details will be shared nearer the time - save the date!



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Primary 7 Leavers' Assembly



We are delighted to announce that we will be having a Leavers' Assembly this session for our Primary 7 pupils. This will take place in the school on Friday 17 June at 9:30am. P7 pupils will be able to invite a maximum of two guests to attend the assembly to allow us to limit numbers of adults in the school. The rest of the school will be able to enjoy their special assembly at another time so that we have more space in the hall for visitors. Teas and coffees will be served in the canteen area following the assembly.

Nursery News

We welcome Jacqueline Dunsmore to our team this term as an Early Years Support Assistant and Fiona Kirkland as an Early Years Worker on a temporary basis covering absence in the nursery.



Staff continue to complete learning journals for the children and post weekly to the school and nursery app with updates on your children's learning and development. Please look out for posts and updates. Should you have any feedback, please let us know, we are continually looking to improve and develop our provision. Feedback can be provided at the notice board situated outside the nursery.

The arrival of spring can often bring some bright sunshine however we would ask that children are dressed appropriately for the weather as it is often still cold and we encourage engagement with the outdoors regardless of the weather, thanks.

Stay and Plays will be happening week beginning 16 May further information to follow on learning journals.

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 — many thanks for your cooperation.