

# Saint Ninian's Primary School and Nursery Class

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*"Together we learn and grow in the image and likeness of Christ."*

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**Dear Parents/Carers**

## **Welcome to St Ninian's Nursery!**

I hope you all had a wonderful summer break. It has been lovely to see the children who were with us last year settle quickly back into their Nursery routines and we extend a very warm welcome to all our new pupils, parents and their families who have joined our very special nursery family. We look forward to working with you on your child's learning adventure.

Over the holidays I am sure you have noticed we have also had an extensive amount of work going on to improve the fabric of our school building. I am delighted to report that the refurbishment of our infant and middle area pupil toilets is now completed and looks fantastic. We hope to upgrade the Nursery toilets later on this session. In addition, our front school roof has now been completely replaced with just some guttering work to be finished. I would like to extend a huge thank you to our contractors and staff team who worked so hard to ensure that our building was ready at the beginning of the session.

Please find below a reminder of some key information at the start of the new session:

### **Communication with parents**

- Regular updates will be sent to parents via e-mail with news and reminders about events
- Parents can find out about their child's learning experiences in the nursery from weekly blog posts on a Friday - <https://blogs.glowscotland.org.uk/wl/stniniansps/>
- Twitter – school achievements/news will be shared via Twitter @StNinsNursery
- Our new school website contains important school information and reminders about events etc. <http://stniniansprimary.westlothian.org.uk/> There are links to our blog and Twitter on here.
- **We would encourage all families to download our school app.** Parents should go into their app store and search School App for Parents (Green Icon) and install it to their phone. It will ask you to type in the name of your chosen school and then click select. The app contains all of the above information in one place! There are links to our blog and Twitter feed on here too.

I am pleased to send home a copy of this year's Nursery **Family Calendar** today. The calendar outlines the main dates up until Christmas and the opportunities which will be

provided for parents to support their child's learning and achievements. The calendar will also be posted on the school website and regular updates will be shared with parents.

### **Food in School/Nursery Snack**

Please pay your child's snack money using the online system – iPayimpact if possible. Details on how to access this are detailed in a separate letter. Alternatively, you can make payments at the school office. Snack for the term can be made in 2 instalments please see the separate letter for this also. **Parents are reminded that if your child brings a packed lunch to Nursery as they are here all day please ensure that this does not contain nut products as we have children with severe nut allergies.** This includes products with chocolate spread.

### **Pupil Healthcare plans/Medication**

All pupils with existing healthcare plans should come in to nursery to complete documentation for this session. If you would like this documentation to be sent home please contact Mrs Roy. Please note that we cannot administer any medication to your child without the completed forms and medication. Any new or existing parent who wishes to discuss the healthcare needs of their child in person should contact Mrs Roy or myself immediately if they have not done so already.

### **PEEP sessions**

Mrs Beattie will be running 3 PEEP sessions for nursery children and their families this term starting on Friday 27<sup>th</sup> Sept and Friday 4<sup>th</sup> and 11<sup>th</sup> October. These fun and interactive sessions which will run between 11-12pm on these Friday mornings provide an opportunity to meet other parents as well as connect with your child through fun play based activities.

It is my privilege to take over our vibrant school and nursery community this year and build on the excellent leadership of Mrs Purdie and I look forward to continuing our positive partnership working to support and encourage our children this session.

Kindest Regards,

**Mrs Ann Smith, Acting HT**