

# St Fillan's Primary School and Nursery Class



## NEWSLETTER

**TERM 4**  
**April 2019**

### Dear Parents/Carers

Term 4 is upon us already. I hope that you had a wonderful break and all your children have settled back into the routine after our fortnight holiday. We are now entering an even busier time of year with a lot of events planned which we will keep you updated about, including the Easter celebrations and the rest of events planned throughout the term

### Curriculum Update

Throughout term four we will evaluate the areas of our School Improvement plan that we have implemented during the session and collaboratively plan our steps for next year.

#### Priority 1 - Raise attainment in Literacy

This term we are evaluating the work we have undertaken on developing our writing across the stages and assessing the impact of the work we have undertaken. In particular we will be looking at the impact of the methodology training we received during our February inservice day. We will look at ways of implementing this further across all stages in school focusing on the content, pedagogy and assessment.



#### Priority 2 - Raising attainment in Numeracy and Mathematics



This term we will evaluate the 'Glasgow Counts' methodologies across the school to ensure that it continues to have a positive impact on learning and teaching in Numeracy and Mathematics. We are continuing to focus in particular on problem solving and working with concrete materials to aid mathematical concept development.

#### Priority 3 - Child protection policies and procedures

During our Inservice days and throughout the term we will be further monitoring and evaluating the work we have covered during the session on our Child Protection Policies in line with National Guidance. We will continue to ensure we follow GIRFEC, SHANARRI, UNRC, Children's Charter Equality Act 2010 guidance.



**Priority 4 – Digital Learning** Our staff continue to develop ways of incorporating digital learning into different areas of the curriculum. There has been work done across the school in using 'Green Screen' Technology and iMovie to enhance Literacy, Eco schools, cultural diversity and Social Studies.

**Priority with wider school focus**

Play Pedagogy has been further developed throughout our P1 classes. We have continued to liaise with our partner May Geddes who gave staff informative feedback and ideas for developing further.



***Sacraments of First Holy Communion and Confirmation***

Following the wonderful celebration of the Sacrament of First Reconciliation for our P3 children during March we are now looking forward to our P4 children celebrating the Sacrament of First Holy Communion during May and our P7 children celebrating the Sacrament of Confirmation in June.

An information evening for the parents of children taking part in the P7 Confirmation will take place on **Thursday 9<sup>th</sup> May at 7.00pm in the Church Hall at Christ the King.**

We wish the children every good wish and blessing as they continue their faith journey. We also remind you of our Easter celebrations this week and next. Stations of the Cross will take place in school on Thursday 18<sup>th</sup> of April. Fr. Peter will celebrate mass with us on Thursday 25<sup>th</sup> of April during Easter week.

***Cultural Diversity Week***

Following the success of last year's event we are planning our Cultural Diversity week for Next week 23<sup>rd</sup>-26<sup>th</sup> of April. We look forward to celebrating the wonderful school community through some food tasting as well as Dance Taster sessions and meeting some representatives from our Partner the Refugee Survival Trust. We will have a food tasting event celebrating the wide and varied culture of St Fillan's on **Friday the 26<sup>th</sup> of April.**

***P1 Induction Days***

Our P1 induction days will take place throughout May and June. They will be held on **Wednesday 1<sup>st</sup> of May, Wednesday 22<sup>nd</sup> of May and Wednesday 12<sup>th</sup> of June.**

***P7 Induction Days***

Our P7 pupils who will be moving on to Holyrood Secondary will have 2 induction days on **21<sup>st</sup> and 22<sup>nd</sup> of May. More information will be sent out regarding arrangements for this.**

## **SCHOOL BUSINESS**

### ***Late coming to and collection from school***

While we recognise that, on occasion, circumstances can lead to delays getting your child to and from school, we would emphasise that valuable learning time can be lost or stressed caused when children are consistently late for school or late getting collected. Likewise prompt collection from after school clubs is also important.

Thank you for your continuing support in these matters.

### ***Go Yellow Non Uniform Day***



Once again immense credit must go to our wonderful school community who have supported our charitable events throughout the school session with terrific generosity and kindness. We plan on staging a Go-Yellow Non-uniform day during May to help raise funds for Hospice Care but will confirm the exact date for you in plenty of time once the date for European Elections have been confirmed.

***I would like to say a huge thank-you to our ever-generous parents, carers, grandparents and community partners for your wonderful support of these events in our school. It is greatly appreciated by all our benefactors.***

### ***Health Promoting School through Healthy Snacks***

Please can I ask our parents/carers to support us in being a **Health Promoting School** by ensuring that children continue to bring a bottle of water to drink during school hours and snacks/packed lunches that promote healthy choices. Also can you please continue to ensure that children do not bring lollipops or other snacks on sticks into school as they represent a significant choking hazard.



### ***Uniform***

My first correspondence this term was regarding school uniform. We appreciate your support in ensuring that your children wear appropriate school uniform when coming to school.

I would also remind you that unclaimed items of uniform are available in Lost Property. If your child has lost an item of uniform please claim from the lost property area at the office.

### ***Parking - Please Support Our Campaign!***

Police Scotland and Transport Police Scotland have worked with us through a variety of school assemblies to highlight the dangers of inconsiderate parking around the environs of the school. We continue to ask all our school community members to please park your car appropriately and support us in preventing any potential accidents outside our school.

## ***Safety - School Car Park***



**Please ensure** - When entering the school at any time of the day, everyone must walk through the **main pedestrian gates** and **NOT** through the gates at the car park. We are increasingly concerned by the number of parents who are still walking children through the car park - especially parents of children in the Nursery Class. Everyone's safety is of paramount importance.

The gates at the car park are closed at **8.50am - 9.05am and 2.50pm-3.10pm** to ensure that there are no moving vehicles while the children are entering and leaving school premises. Please support us in keeping everyone safe. Please also refrain from coming through the gates into the playground at the back of the school. Collection point for our children is at the front of the school.

## ***Parent Council***

Please visit the Parent Council website in order to keep up to date with current newsletters and matters which the Parent Council is taking forward on behalf of the School Community. The Parent Council AGM meeting is scheduled for Monday 29th April 2019 in the School Meeting Room at 6.30pm.



## ***Parent views***

Thank you for your feedback on your thoughts on our school. We do endeavor to act on as many views as possible. If you have any concerns regarding your child or other school matters then **please do not hesitate** to contact the school and I will arrange to meet with you as soon as possible.

Thank you for your continuing support of our school throughout the school session. On behalf of all the staff, I would like to wish you all a very successful last term.

**We are here to help at all times!**

***Regards***

***Yours sincerely***

***Mr. Brian Bourke***

***Headteacher***



## **TERM 4 DIARY UPDATE**

19.4.19	School closed Good Friday
22.4.19	School closed Easter Monday
23.4.19	Cultural Diversity Week further information to follow
24.4.19	P2/1 Display of Knowledge 2.15pm
25.4.19	Easter Mass 9.30am
26.4.19	Celebrating Success/ Cultural Diversity Day
29.4.19	AGM Parent Council 7pm
30.4.19	P5 Lindsay Littleson Author Visit
1.5.19	P1 Induction Day 1
1.5.19	PTA 7pm Church hall
4.5.19	First Holy Communion 1pm
5.5.19	First Holy Communion 12pm
6.5.19	Bank Holiday Monday School Closed
7.5.19	In-service for teachers School Closed
9.5.19	Confirmation Meeting in Christ The King Church 7pm
13.5.19	Parent Support Group with Family Fund visiting 1pm
14.5.19	Author Visit
16.5.19	Obstacle Course
21.5.19	P7 Transition to Holyrood Day 1
22.5.19	P7 Transition to Holyrood Day 2
22.5.19	P1 Induction Day 2
22.5.19	Go Yellow Come as You please day for Hospice Care
23.5.19	Possible In-service due to European Elections
24.5.19	May Holiday School Closed
27.5.19	May Holiday School Closed
29.5.19	P5 to Go Yellow event at Bellahouston
30.5.19	Ascension Thursday Mass 1.30
3.6.19	Parent Council 7pm

4.6.19	School Show
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6.6.19	City of Dance event time TBC
7.6.19	Reports to Parents
7.6.19	World of Work Day
10.6.19	Parent Support Group 1pm
11.6.19	Confirmation Christ the King Church 7pm
12.6.19	P1 Induction day 3
14.6.19	Sports Day
17.6.19	P7 Beach Party 7pm
18.6.19	P7 Thanksgiving Mass and Graduation 6.30pm
21.6.19	Nursery Graduation
27.6.19	End of term Mass 2pm
27.6.19	Animation Launch for Scottish Refugee Festival 6-8pm
28.6.19	School closes 1.00pm for Summer Holiday

**New information will be added/amended as we progress through the session.**