



St. Fillan's Primary School and Nursery Class  
NEWSLETTER  
Term 4 - April 2018



Dear Parents/Carers,

Here we are almost at the end of another school year and with a very busy term ahead. Everyone is well settled after the holidays and I would like to update you on the changes taking place in school at present. Mr. Bryan Bourke has been appointed Head Teacher at St. Fillan's in place of Mrs. Penman but due to circumstances in his present school he is unable to take up this post at this time. We are awaiting further information on his appointment from the directorate but are not expecting this to take place imminently. I look forward to leading the school through this session with Mrs. Henderson and our very capable team.

On behalf of St. Fillan's community I would like to offer our condolences to our janitor, Mr. Brannan and his family, on the loss of his wife Ann who died on Good Friday following a long illness, bravely borne.

At the end of this term Mrs. Devine will be retiring. We would like to take this opportunity to thank her for all her hard work, commitment and dedication to the service of St. Fillan's over twenty years. I know that you will join us in wishing her health, happiness and a restful retirement.

#### Curriculum

As we approach the end of this school session we evaluate all the development work we have undertaken and identify next steps for 2018/2019. The school's Standards and Quality report which will be published at the end of this session will provide parents with information regarding the impact made on attainment.

Due to city wide staffing issues this year we could not fully implement our 'Pupil Equity Funding Proposal'. We will put forward a similar proposal for the beginning of next session.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank all the families and friends who made our inaugural Cultural Diversity Day such an outstanding success. Mrs. Adams and Mrs. McAvoy are very keen to build on this years' programme and make this an annual event.

#### School Business

We have a very full diary of events for this term which is printed on the back page of this Newsletter can I ask that you keep it handy for reference and highlight relevant events for your child/children.

#### World of Work Day - Friday 4 May

We look forward to another enjoyable and informative experience for the children which will assist them in considering their careers for the future. Mrs. Gibb has collated quite an extensive list of parents and contacts for this day. If you feel you could offer your expertise in any way please contact Mrs. Fraser in the school office and she will pass on your details or complete the link below.

<https://www.surveymonkey.co.uk/r/7NLBRZ9>

### Sacraments of First Communion and Confirmation

Our P.4 and P.7 children are working hard on their preparation for receiving these Holy Sacraments at Christ the King Church during May. We thank Father Peter and his parish for their support for all our children during their seven years in St. Fillan's and look forward to celebrating these special occasions with you and your children.

### May Devotions

Please join us at 8.50am on Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday during May for prayers and the Rosary. Starting on Tuesday 1 May.

### Primary 1 Induction Days

On Wednesday this week we will welcome our new Primary 1 intake to their first in a series of induction days. On Day 1 the children will take part in activities in groups with some of our infant teachers and parents/carers will have an opportunity to get to know each other in an informal setting. Mrs. Henderson will explain the induction process and give an overview of life in Primary 1.



### Primary 7 Transition

The culmination of Primary 7's transition programme will be three days in Holyrood Secondary during June. A number of children will transition to different secondary schools and individual arrangements will be made for these pupils. Primary 7 will not leave St. Fillan's quietly, they have a very busy schedule for their final term not least with their production of this year's show 'Porridge' which promises to be very entertaining. At the very end of term they will have their Leavers Mass and Graduation Ceremony. I would ask you to look out for further information on all of these important events.

### PTA

The PTA are organising and supporting many events this term. The main ones being the obstacle course and a whole school visit to Zippo's circus. Lots of opportunities for parental involvement here. The PTA continue to seek new members either on the committee or as helpers. I would encourage you to give it a try as it's a great way to get to know people and to be involved in school life.

The PTA meets on the first Wednesday of every month.

### Parent Council

The Parent Council recently held their AGM at which point all positions were successfully filled. There will be a Newsletter next session detailing current business and the final meeting of the year will be on the 11 June in St. Fillan's meeting room. All welcome.

## Diary Reminders/Updates - Term 4 April 2018

30/4/18 - Parental Support Group for ASD children - 1.00pm

30/4/18 - Primary 6 Display of Knowledge - 2.00pm

1/5/18 - Nursery Parent Workshop - 10.00am

2/5/18 - Dental Inspection - P.1 and P.7

2/5/18 - Swimming Gala - 9 P.7 children - Tollcross International Pool

2/5/18 - Primary 1 2018/2019 - Induction Day 1 - 1.30pm

2/5/18 - PTA - Christ The King Church Hall - 7.00pm - All welcome

3/5/18 - Dental Inspection - P.1 and P.7

3/5/18 - P.3b - Library visit

4/5/18 - World of Work day

5/5/18 - P.4 - First Holy Communion - 1.00pm

6/5/18 - P.4 - First Holy Communion - 2.00pm

7/5/18 - May Holiday - School Closed

8/5/18 - INSET Day - School Closed for Children

11/5/18 - Obstacle Course (Whole School/PTA Fundraising Event)

15/5/18 - Nursery Photographs - all day

17/5/18 - Global Classroom Learning Day

18/5/18 - Glasgow City Tennis - Primary 4 pupils

21/5/18 - Parental Support Group for ASD children - 2.00pm

25/5/18 - May Holiday

28/5/18 - May Holiday

30/5/18 - Primary 1 2018/2019 - Induction Day 2

30/5/18 - Sacrament of Confirmation - 7.00pm

1/6/18 - GSAA Athletics Heat - P.6 and P.7 pupils - Scotstoun

4/6/18 - Primary 7 School Show - 7.00pm

5/6/18 - Primary 7 School Show - 7.00pm

6/6/18 - Primary 7 Induction Day 1 - Holyrood

7/6/18 - Primary 7 Induction Day 2 - Holyrood

8/6/18 - School Trip - Zippo's Circus - PTA supported

8/6/18 - Pupil Reports to parents

11/6/18 - Nursery Graduation - 10.00

11/6/18 - Parental Support Group for ASD children - 2.00pm

11/6/18 - Parent Council Meeting - 6.30pm

11/6/18 - Primary 7 Beach Party - 7.00pm

12/6/18 - City of Dance Finals at Royal Concert Hall - 4.45pm



13/6/18 - Primary 7 Induction Day 3 - Holyrood - Health and Wellbeing

13/6/18 - Primary 1 2018/2019 - Induction Day 3 - 1.30pm

13/6/18 - Athletics Finals - Scotstoun 5.30pm

14/6/18 - National Mass at Falkirk

15/6/18 - Sports Day

18/6/18 - Primary 7 Leavers Mass and Graduation - 6.30pm

20/6/18 - Football Awards Ceremony - 7.00pm

21/6/18 - School Mass 1.30pm

22/6/18 - Class Transition Day - Children move class and meet their new teachers - TBC

26/6/18 - School Closes - Summer holidays - 1.00pm



## Newsletter

### Parent/Carer Comments - May 2018

We very much welcome your comments/opinions/views as these are valuable in relation to continuous school improvement.

Parent's/Carer's signature -

This Newsletter will also be on the school website.

Yours sincerely,

Mrs. Maureen Balloch

Acting Head Teacher