



ST.FILLAN'S P.S.

## Newsletter 19<sup>th</sup> November 2021

Dear Parents and Carers,

It has been a very busy term so far and we wanted to update you on a few things before the end of the month.

### **Parent calls/Meet the teacher**

Most of our parents will have received their call from their child class teacher by now with a few still to happen over the next few weeks. Feedback so far has been very positive and the teachers have enjoyed having the chance to speak to you. We also had 'Meet the Teacher' recently and each teacher decided to do it in their own way with some doing in small face to face groups some via teams and some via a PowerPoint shared through Google classroom. We hope that you found this helpful.

### **Parent Pay**

Currently we only have 58% of our Parent Pay accounts activated. Please activate your Parent Pay account to ensure that your child's breakfast and school meal account is active for meal choices. Please be aware that this is a new system for all of us and we are still trying to navigate our way through the process. If you mislay your Activation letter that you were sent please check your email account for a copy. This email will have the same information as the paper copy issued by the school.

### **Catholic Education week**

Catholic Education Week takes place each year from the Feast of St Margaret of Scotland (**16th November**) until the Feast of St Andrew (**30th November**). This Sunday marks the start of Catholic Education week in our school. The theme for 2020/2021 is "Jesus Christ, the Way, the Truth and the Life"

Throughout the next period of the month we will also be officially launching our status as a Laudato Si School

The Holy Father Pope Francis has invited the whole Church to join together to create a more caring, inclusive, peaceful and sustainable world. More information can be found at:

[www.LaudatoSiYear.org](http://www.LaudatoSiYear.org)

### **Prayer Request Form for the month of the Holy Souls.**

Let us know who you wish for us to pray for during November and we will keep them with us during our daily prayers in class.

### **Nurture room**

We are currently in the process of moving our current Nest/ Nurture room to a larger space in the school. The Nest is used for a variety of different purposes e.g. counselling sessions, a quiet area for

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pupils to go to and as multi-sensory room. Moving the Nest to a larger space will allow us to accommodate more pupils at a time and to use it for group tasks.

A couple of weeks ago we reached out for donations to help decorate and furnish our new space and as always our parents and carers have been so generous and helpful. We would like to say a massive thank you to the following people for their contribution and donations.

- Miss O' Donnell (P4 Parent) who kindly sourced and arranged a delivery of sofa
- Ms Thompson (P4 Parent) and Mrs McEwan for their generous monetary donation that will be used to decorate and buy resources for the room
- Mrs Elins (P2/P6 Parent) for donating cushions and her spare time to help paint and decorate the Nest
- Mrs Hughes (Office Staff) for donating a brand new microwave
- Mrs Thomas (P2 Parent) for donating her time to decorate and the tin of chalk paint
- Mrs Thomson (Support for Learning Worker) for donating paint



We would also like to thank the Store Manager Dom and his colleague Andrew at B&Q Darnley who gave us 25% discount off our decorating supplies. Dom was more than happy to help as it turns out he is a former pupil of St. Fillan's Primary. We still have lots of work to do and will hopefully have the room finished shortly for the children to use.

In order to help pay for the refurbishment and to buy resources we are going to hold a 'Penny Fundraiser' on Friday 26th November. We would kindly ask if the children can bring in any spare coins that you have in a jar or lying around the house. Together we will create a penny trail that will travel around the school. The money raised will go towards the Nest and for school funds.

If anyone else would like to contribute towards the Nest or to help decorate it please contact Mrs Crompton Principal Teacher via the Parent Contact Form. Again once again thank you to ALL of the parents who contacted the school to offer items. We are truly grateful.

### Flu Vaccines

Flu vaccines will take place for all children in school on Friday 10<sup>th</sup> December.

### Uniform

As we enter winter children will be requiring jackets that are appropriate for the expected weather. **Please ensure that your child has a change of clothes in their school bag in case they get wet. We only have a limited amount of spare clothes in the school.**

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### PTA

The PTA last week had a very successful 'Donut Day' where they sold out before P4-7 managed to get to them.

To ensure all those who missed out aren't disappointed they hosted another afternoon today where the children who wanted to were able to buy one donut from the school before the end of the day. The rest are being sold after school so any parents or children who wish to buy more can do so then. Please click on the sway below to see the ways in which our PTA fundraise and support us.

<https://sway.office.com/aXbj31vXEVvW88Pi?ref=Link>

### Car Park

Do not use the school carpark at any time for dropping off your child including breakfast club and after school (Exemptions for blue badge holders). Parents and children must use pedestrian areas only.

### Reporting Covid related absence

Pupils who display any coronavirus symptoms should not attend school and should follow NHS advice, self-isolate and book a PCR test. Parents are requested to keep the school informed of any pupil positive cases by **contacting the school office directly on 0141 637 8750**. All other non covid related absences can be logged via the absence line.

### Communicating with the school leadership team

Please remember that we are using a form system to facilitate communication. **If there is a matter of urgency** that you wish to discuss please use the link below and the matter will be addressed as soon as possible.

<https://forms.office.com/Pages/ResponsePage.aspx?id=oyzTzM4Wj0KVQTctawUZKTDuSgv3IU1OgtjeJ-xiX7JUMFZHSjRRT0JWUjJINkpOVzhKMDc5TkxYRCQIQCN0PWcu>

Thank you for your continued support.

Mr Bourke, Head Teacher.

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