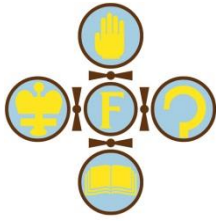


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Newsletter Friday 27th August 2021

Dear Parents and Carers,

We have had a wonderful second week back and the sunny weather has certainly helped keep our spirits up. On Wednesday afternoon Father Joseph and Deacon John celebrated Mass with us outdoors on the pitch in glorious sunshine.



Father Peter was in our hearts and prayers as he recovers from his operation. Please take time to read the letter he wrote to us, his friends and parishioners.

My Dear Friends,

As I imagine, you will be aware that I have had to take some time away from the parish following a recent cardiac event and medical intervention.

The year I began ministry in Christ the King (1999) was also the year in which I was diagnosed as having angina _ no connection between the two! Anyway, I found, fortunately, that the condition did not really impact on my day to day activities and my enjoyment of life over many years.

However, in the last few months, I kept noticing that the angina pains had become a lot more apparent and were triggered much more easily. This led me to contact the doctor and to begin to have things investigated.

A fortnight ago I was wakened at two in the morning by a sharp pain in the chest and thought that dialling 999 was the best option. This in turn led to a very quick response by the ambulance service, admission to the Queen Elizabeth and eventual diagnosis of a minor heart attack. It also gave me the opportunity to receive at close quarters the amazing care, goodness, compassion and skills of so many people in the health service.

Other tests carried out have shown that there is no damage to the heart itself or to valves. . Last Thursday I received two stents in the Golden Jubilee Hospital and was discharged on Friday last (13th August).

I am now staying with Billy and Jennifer and my niece Abigail... and their dog Rufus and pair of Guinea pigs! I will, of necessity be absent from Christ the King for a wee while. I am deeply grateful to Father Joseph for readily agreeing to look after our Parish in the meantime. I know you will have already welcomed him warmly.

Many thanks to you all for all your kind wishes and above all for your prayers. Please continue to remember me in prayer. It means so much.

I will, please God, be back soon.

With prayers and truly sincere thanks,

Father Peter

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PE Days

Please find the days for your child's class PE lessons. We would ask you to ensure that on PE days your child has shoes that they can tie independently or has Velcro fastenings. Please also label all clothing.

Please ensure that your child has a filled water bottle for school and 2 bottles if you feel that they need them as we still can't allow them to refill at the water machines for COVID related health and safety reasons.

P1a Mrs Igoe	Wednesday	Friday
P1b Mrs Coyle	Wednesday	Friday
P2a/1c Mrs Paxton	Tuesday	Friday
P2b Miss Tinney	Wednesday	To be confirmed
P2c Mrs Mills	Wednesday	Friday
P3a Miss Foley	Wednesday	Friday
P3b Mrs McGuinness	Wednesday	Thursday
P4a Miss Benson	Monday	Thursday
P4b Mrs Gallagher	Monday	Thursday
P5a Mrs Brennen	Tuesday	Thursday
P5b Miss Fairley	Wednesday	Thursday
P6a/5c Mrs McAvoy	Tuesday	Friday
P6b Mrs Paterson	Tuesday	Thursday
P7a/6c Mrs Martin	Wednesday	Friday
P7b Mrs Shearer	Friday	Wednesday
P7c Mrs Gibb	Tuesday	Wednesday

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Holiday dates

September Weekend

- Friday 24 September 2021
- Monday 27 September 2021

October

- Friday 8 October 2021 (In-Service Day)
- Monday 11 to Friday 15 October 2021 (October Week)

December - Christmas and New Year

- Schools close at 2.30 pm on Wednesday 22 December 2021
- Thursday 23 December 2021 - Tuesday 4 January (Christmas holidays)

January

- Schools return on Wednesday 5 January 2022

February Mid-term break

- Monday 14 February 2022
- Tuesday 15 February 2022
- Wednesday 16 February 2022 (In-service day)

April - Spring Holiday (Easter)

- Schools close at 2.30 pm on Friday 1 April 2022
- Good Friday 15 April 2022
- Easter Monday 18 April 2022
- Schools return on Tuesday 19 April 2022

May

- Monday 2 May 2022 (May Holiday)
- Thursday 5 May 2022 (In-Service day to coincide with Scottish Local Government Elections)
- Friday 27 May 2022

June

- Thursday, 2 June 2022
- Friday, 3 June 2022 - Queen's jubilee.
- Schools Close at 1.00 pm on Friday 24 June 2022

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School Uniform

Thank you so much for your support in ensuring our pupils are wearing full school uniform. They are looking so smart. We have a small supply of pre-loved uniforms in the school so please contact us and we can see if we have anything suitable.

Some families may be entitled to free clothing and school meal grants and information on this can be obtained from the following address.

<https://www.glasgow.gov.uk/index.aspx?articleid=17519>

Communicating with the school

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. Please do not contact us via email.

<https://forms.office.com/Pages/ResponsePage.aspx?id=oyzTzM4Wj0KVQctawUZKTDuSgv3IU1OgtjeJ-xiX7JUMFZHSjRRT0JWUjJINkpOVzhKMDc5TkxYRCQIQCN0PWcu>

There are still significant COVID mitigations in place in our school meaning the Senior Leadership Team need to prioritise responses. This may mean that you may not always receive a direct response from us if your query has already been answered through either a previous communication or could be answered by your child. The Senior Leadership Team are also at the gates every day and can deal with any small queries or questions that you may have.

Corona Virus update

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.

Pupils who need to self-isolate if they are identified as a prolonged close contact e.g. same household, overnight stays will now be contacted directly by Test and Protect and **not by the school**. Test and Protect will advise on the procedure to follow on self-isolation and PCR testing. Close contacts who are asymptomatic will be asked to self-isolate until they have received a negative PCR test. Close contacts who are symptomatic will be asked to complete the 10 day isolation period as per NHS guidance.

Reporting your child's absence

The procedure for reporting your child's absence is through the absence line. The absence line for reporting is 0141 471 3710 or 0141 287 0039 Please provide the details requested by the operator. Details are found on <https://www.glasgow.gov.uk/index.aspx?articleid=18832>

Should the absence be COVID related please inform the school office directly as per previous arrangements. Please do not use the Form system to report any COVID related absence from now on as the leadership team are no longer managing test and protect procedures.

We are continuing to monitor late comings to school as continued and regular late coming has a massive detrimental impact on a child education. We will now send out a form for any late comings so we can monitor the reasons and see if there is anyway that we can support you in getting your child to school on time.

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School Garden Project/Tidy Friday #COP26

This afternoon is our first Tidy Friday of the new session and we have lots of jobs to be getting on with including a major weeding project as they seem to have taken off over the summer! We are not complaining because before the garden was done even the weeds didn't want to grow there! Please join us this afternoon and/or Friday 10th September from 3.30pm.

Please click on the link for further information.



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Road Safety Campaign

Glasgow City Council's Road Safety Unit in partnership with Police Scotland are running a pedestrian safety campaign to remind parents to set a good example to their children when crossing the road.

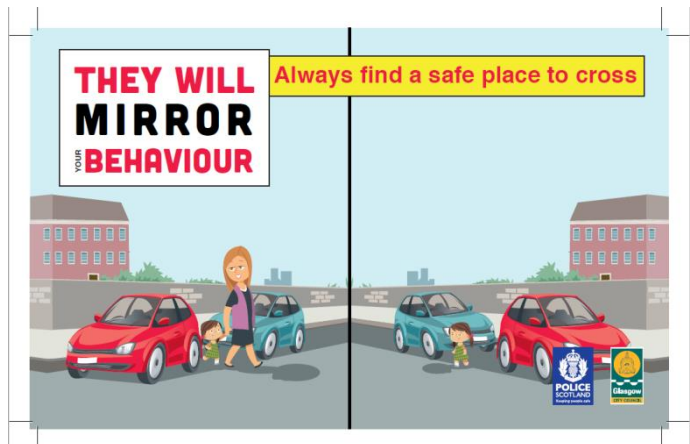
Following the summer break, many children will start school for the first time - this is a great opportunity for parents to start walking to school with their children and discuss safer crossing places and road safety in general.

The main message is that children will mirror their parent's behaviour and do what their

parents do. If a parent crosses between parked cars or doesn't make the effort to walk to a nearby pedestrian crossing, children will assume this is what they should do, when not accompanied by their parents.

If, however, parents actively teach their child the safer way to cross, the child will then copy this good example.

Radio Clyde adverts will run for 3 weeks from 9 August until 30 August and a Glasgow Times advert will run over 6 days from 18 August until 25 August.



Road Safety and Parking on Crompton Avenue/SCFZ

A reminder that it is not permitted to drive down Crompton Avenue between 8.30-9.15am and 2.45-3.30pm as the school is part of a school free car zone scheme run by GCC. This has been in place since session 19-20 but really only came into force in session 20-21. Please note that the Community Police have been issuing tickets throughout last session and will continue to support the school by reminding the public of the restrictions that are still in place.

Please do not perform 3 point turns on Elmore Avenue, Crompton Avenue and the other surrounding streets. Even if the street may appear clear there is a risk associated with this that could result in an injury to an adult or child.

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Technology/Ipads

Please try to ensure your child takes care of their school iPads. Mrs Gibb is fully class committed this year and we are appealing to you to carefully manage your school technology as we no longer have a member of staff dedicated to and responsible for technical issues. We will of course do whatever we can to assist if things go wrong.

At the start of this term the Glow team at Education Scotland reset all Glow passwords for all Scottish pupils. This has resulted in pupils experiencing difficulties accessing Glow. Please bear with us as we set up passwords for pupils. New passwords will match Sumdog passwords with a space between the word and number.

e.g. if your child's password was:

water87

it will be changed to:

water 87

As always we will continue to keep you informed and updated on any significant changes through our usual communication channels. Once again thank you for all your continued support.

Mr Bourke, Head Teacher.

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