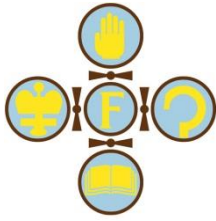


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Friday Update 4th December 2020

Dear Parents/Carers,

As we are entering the festive season I just wanted to thank everyone for their continuing compliance with the guidelines and restrictions we are enforcing around the school as we continue in Tier 4.

Winter clothing and water bottles

Please ensure that your child has appropriate layers of clothing for the colder days and also be aware that the classrooms are adhering to ventilation requirements and are colder than usual. Please ensure your child comes to school with warm clothing, waterproof jackets and footwear and a filled water bottle.

Festive Friday Fun

Every Friday in December we will have a 'Christmas jumper/Come as You Please' day where the children can wear a Christmas jumper or green or red coloured top if they wish. We also hope to spread a little Christmas cheer at a time when it will be very welcome. **As we mentioned last week there is no requirement to purchase a Christmas Jumper.**

Donations

Every Friday in December we will also collect donations for the **Little Sisters of the Poor** and for the **Trussel Trust**. Please leave any of the items listed below in the trolleys that we will bring to the gate before and after school each Friday and they can lie in quarantine for the appropriate period. Items required in support of the charities are as follows:

Trussel Trust – Any donations of non-perishable food items (cereal, soup, pasta, rice, tinned tomatoes/ pasta sauce, lentils, beans and pulses, tinned meat, tinned vegetables, tea/coffee, tinned fruit, biscuits, UHT milk, fruit juice); Household items (laundry liquid detergent, laundry powder, washing up liquid); Baby supplies (nappies, baby wipes and baby food)

Little Sisters - toiletries (deodorant, shower gel, shampoo, soap, conditioner, sponges, facecloths, toothbrushes, toothpaste, hand wipes, hand cream, moisturiser etc.); hats, scarves, gloves, socks.

Health and Safety

P1 and 2 please remind your children of the importance of waiting with their class teacher until they are collected. Any child who is due to be collected is instructed to come to the school office and await collection from there. I would also remind parents that they are not permitted to enter into the building at the moment as we continue to adhere to the restrictions on visitors to schools.

COVID related absences

If you or a member of your household requires a COVID test then all members of the household should isolate until a negative result is confirmed. If your child or a member of your household develops symptoms of COVID 19 and **goes for a COVID test it is essential that this information is communicated directly with the school** so that we can update our records accordingly. Please

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arrange to collect your child from school if this situation arises **during the school day**. If a child displays any of the symptoms of COVID please do not send them to school.

Due to current circumstances, please phone the school office to report all absences both COVID and non-COVID.

Thank you to all our families for your continuing support

Holiday Meal entitlement

The Scottish Government have provided Local Authorities additional funding for children **currently in receipt of Free School Meals (FSM)** to receive a food payment during the following school holidays:

- Christmas 2020
- February 2021 Mid Term Break
- Easter 2021

The payment will be made in **December 2020** and will cover all **3 holiday periods** noted above.

Please Note: Only children eligible for Free school Meals (FSM) will be entitled to this payment.

There may be some families who qualify for this payment and have previously not done so. Full details of qualifying benefits and the application process are available here

<https://www.glasgow.gov.uk/schoolsandlearning>

As all **P1 to P4** pupils automatically receive Free School Meals as part of a national and local initiative it is important to note that **only** those families in receipt of a qualifying benefit are eligible for this additional payment. The Local Authority have undertaken an exercise to identify and 'auto-entitle' P1-4 pupils who are eligible via qualifying benefits but who have not yet made an application for Free School Meals via the CBS Grants Team. This auto-entitlement will continue until the pupil reaches the end of P4 at which point parent/carers must make an application via the FSM and Clothing Grant application process.

IMPORTANT: All payments will be made by bank transfer therefore if parents have not previously provided CBS Grants Team with bank details, i.e. for Footwear & Clothing Grants, they will now need to provide these details no later than **14th December 2020** via the online Enquiry Form at:

<https://www.glasgow.gov.uk/schoolsandlearning>

Google Classrooms

If you have any digital issues please contact Mrs Gibb through the form system for digital support if you are still not able to access.

https://email.gsn.local/owa/redirect.aspx?C=OCAwvqSK0e3VHZJtWNDly1B5Xc_65TDRiZxGISnLve_8KPr_aUUvYCA..&URL=https%3a%2f%2fforms.office.com%2fPages%2fResponsePage.aspx%3fid%3doyzTz_M4Wj0KVQTctawUZKTFrmVCm7WIHt_dWm_si5J9UMFZHSjRRT0JWUjJINKpOVzhKMDc5TkxYRC4u

Mrs Gibb been a wonderful support for a number of families and is happy to try to resolve any technical issues.

It is essential that all children are completing the homework their class teacher sets each week, as homework is directly related to classwork and ongoing assessment.

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Flu Vaccinations

Flu Vaccinations will take place on Wednesday 9th of December.

Advent

Throughout our preparation for the Lord's coming we will be having Friday Prayers at 9.15 with all our children over our school PA system. We continue to keep the families of our school community in our prayers at this time.

Dear St. Fillan

You lived your life studying God's word and bringing His love to others.

Help us today to listen to God's voice, to hear His special message for us

And to show His love to everyone we meet.

We make this prayer through Christ Our Lord. Amen

I would like to thank you all for your continued support of our school.

Kind regards,

Mr Brian Bourke

Headteacher.

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