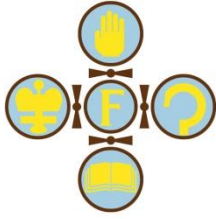
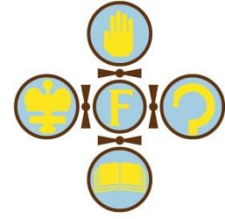


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Weekly Newsletter
Friday 14th February 2025



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Dear Parents/Carers,

Industrial Action update

Please see the message from Education Directorate regarding the **cancelled** industrial action.

“The EIS have informed the Council that the strike action on 20th February is suspended on the basis that the Council is able to deliver on the commitment to remove the year 2 and year 3 teacher savings and progress towards the 2023 baseline of teacher numbers. This is good news and avoids any further disruption to learning and teaching. Enjoy the break when it comes.”

A reminder that school will be closed on Monday 17th and Tuesday 18th to pupils and staff. The school will be closed on Wednesday 19th February to children. Staff will be working on the next part of our school improvement planning, and engaging with further training on The Promise. Details of this can be found [here](#). Teaching and Nursery Staff will also participate in moderation activities with Nurseries and Schools in the Holyrood Learning Community.

Christ the King

As I mentioned last week, Fr Peter will be retiring at the end of this month from his position as Parish Priest in Christ the King. In recognition of Fr Peter's contribution to the school, all pupils and staff will attend the regular community Mass in Christ the King next Friday morning at 10am. If there are any parent helpers who would be available to help and would like to attend Mass, please let us know [here](#). We will not issue a consent form for attending Mass as the local area form completed at the start of the session is sufficient.

We will have a gate collection at arrival/dismissal times at both gates next Thursday and Friday for Fr. Peter. Alternatively, you may choose to send a donation in an envelope into our school office. I am sure you will appreciate that Fr. Peter is a very humble man so I would appreciate it if you don't share this with him.

As you may now be aware, Fr Tom Kilbride has been announced as the Christ the King's new Parish Priest. We look forward to working with Fr Kilbride from March onwards.

Uniform update

In previous newsletters we mentioned the difficulty some families had experienced with regards to procuring uniform. After many conversations with different local providers, we are delighted to announce that AC Schoolwear have agreed to become a partner supplier for uniform for the rest of this session. We met with them earlier this week and they have assured us that there are no supply issues with brown uniform and that they are able to provide a range of uniform items. We have seen the uniform items available. They are all of very good quality. We also raised the cost issues which they have taken on board and of the decision of local supermarkets to cease stocking uniform in our school colours. I wanted to reassure that there are adequate supplies of stock contrary to what families had been told previously. There is no obligation to use AC Schoolwear.

[AC Schoolwear](#) will attend Parents' Evenings next month, P1 Induction Sessions and host a school-based shop one afternoon in June.

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Dismissal Time

To ensure the safety of pupils at After School, it is essential that our janitor closes school gates promptly at the end of each school day. We kindly ask that families vacate the school grounds as soon as children are collected. Thankyou for your understanding and cooperation.

World Book Day – 6th March 2025

World Book Day is an annual event that gives children a chance to benefit from the life-changing superpower of reading. It's all about encouraging children to read their way, to find the fun and enjoyment it brings. Every year we mark World Book Day. This year, we will have the theme of 'Bedtime Stories'. Pupils are invited to wear pyjamas to school on that day and there will be plenty of opportunities to read and be read to.

£1 [Book Tokens](#) will be distributed next week and can be used straight away. More information will follow over the next few weeks.

Childsmile

Over the next few months, we're looking to establish a toothbrushing programme with our P1 pupils. Further information, consent forms and toothbrushes/toothpaste will follow shortly. In the meantime, we're seeking Parent/Carer volunteers who may spare 30 minutes one day a week at 1.30pm. If you're available and would like to help, please complete this [short form](#).



Makaton

Thank you to our Makaton Committee. Here is the word all pupils in school will learn next week.: ['to learn'](#).

Wider Achievement

On Friday 28th February we will be staging our next Celebrating Success Assembly. If you would like to nominate your child for recognition of their wider achievements since our last assembly in December then please complete this [form](#) by **Wednesday 26th February at 1pm**.

Fundraising Initiative

Thank you for your support with the 'Penny Trail'. We'll be able to confirm a total next week.

Our PTA have very generously agreed to support our aim of updating the current Reading Scheme.

This is a huge undertaking with the objective of raising £10k to replace and update reading books that have now been in use for a number of years. As you know, fostering a love for reading is essential for our children's development, and your support will greatly assist us in providing a diverse range of reading materials that cater to various interests and reading levels.

Friday 2nd May

PTA '[Onto a Winner Race Night](#)'

Christ the King Church Hall 7pm-11.30pm

Tickets £7.50



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Onto a
WINNER
Race Night

Join us for an evening filled with excitement, entertainment and good laughs while supporting St. Fillan's to fundraise for Literacy Resources. 18+

 7.00pm, Friday 2nd May 2025

 Christ the King Church Hall

 Ticket £7.50

*Don't miss out on this exciting event.
Purchase your tickets today! Your support will make a difference.*

[Tickets available here](#)



St. Fillan's PTA



PTA:

We are pleased to announce a night at the races to help the school reach its total of a massive £10k required to renew their reading scheme.

It will be a fun-filled night with raffles/games/Irish bingo and a little flutter on the horses.

How you can help:

- * Come along to the event
- * Be a Race Sponsor (£50) We are seeking sponsorship for each of the first 7 races and for eight horses in Race 8.
- * Name a horse (£10)
- * Name a jockey (£10)
- * Provide a raffle/tombola prize.

Please refer to the PTA Facebook page where further details about sponsorship will soon be posted.

Race Sponsors will have their names/business names printed on the race cards

Horse and Jockey Owners will win a bottle if their horse wins the race on the night.

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I'm sure you'll appreciate what a big commitment it is to endeavour to raise such a large amount of money. However, we're blessed to be situated within such a strong and supportive community. If each family can contribute and/or seek donations from workplaces, local businesses etc, we can make this happen.

Communicating with the school leadership team

Please remember that we continue to use the form system to facilitate communication. If you need to get in touch or if there is something that you wish to discuss please use the link [here](#) and the matter will be addressed as soon as possible. This form should not be used to report absences as this should be reported to the school office. Our school office closes at 4pm so there is no facility to forward calls to the Leadership Team work beyond this time. However, Mrs Hamilton, Mrs Gibb and myself work beyond this time, so the MS Forms system is the best way to make contact.

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Free School meals update link

This has already been sent to Parents/Carers of all P5-7 pupils but is included as a reminder.



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14 February 2025

Dear parent/Carer,

I am writing to tell you about changes to Scottish Government rules on who will get free school meals.

Children in primary six (P6) and seven (P7) who have a parent/carers that receives the Scottish Child Payment will now be eligible for free school meals.

This change will not entitle pupils to free breakfasts or the school holiday payment, **it will only apply to school lunches.**

The online application form will open on **17 February 2025**. If your child is in P6 or P7, does **not** currently receive free school meals, and you **already** get the Scottish Child Payment, you can apply at www.glasgow.gov.uk/Clothing-Grants-Free-School-Meals.

To allow you to apply for free school meals, you need to have a MyAccount set up first. If you have not registered, you can do it at signin.mygovscot.org/home/.

New applications will be processed within four weeks of the team receiving completed forms.

The Scottish Child Payment is paid by Social Security Scotland to help support families. The weekly payment of £26.70 is available for eligible children up to the age of 16.

You might be entitled to the Scottish Child Payment if all of the following apply:

- You receive a low-income benefit such as Universal Credit, Tax Credits, or Pension Credit
- You have responsibility for a child or children under the age of 16
- You live in Scotland

If you don't currently receive the Scottish Child Payment but think you might be eligible, please apply here www.mygov.scot/scottish-child-payment/how-to-apply.

For more information and help with your application, please visit www.glasgow.gov.uk/Clothing-Grants-Free-School-Meals.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads 'Douglas Hutchison'.

Happy Valentine's Day! Have a great long weekend.

Best wishes,
Mr. Brian Bourke,
Headteacher

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Coming this February 2025
to Couper Library -
Chatterbooks!
Starts

Wednesday at 4.30pm
Starting February 26th

Love Reading? Like to talk about books?
Enjoy doing crafts?
Then Chatterbooks is for you

Aged between 8 and 12 years old?

Speak to our library staff to sign up it's completely FREE
Phone 0141 276 0771



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Calendar Update

Please find attached an updated calendar of events for the next couple of terms which I hope you find useful. We will highlight in yellow any new additions/ events to the calendar when we announce them to help you keep track of dates.

Monday 17th February	February Holiday
Tuesday 18th February	February Holiday
Wednesday 19th February	February Inservice Day (school closed to Pupils)
Friday 21st February	Mass in Christ the King at 10am – whole school
Friday 28th February	Celebrating Success Assembly
Thursday 6th March	“Bed Time Story” World Book Day
Wednesday 19th March	Parents’ Night #1
Thursday 20th March	Parents’ Night #2
Friday 28th March	Celebrating Success Assembly
Monday 31st March	Reconciliation for P3 pupils; 7pm Christ the King Parish Church
Friday 4th April	2.30pm Close for Easter
Tuesday 22nd April	Return to school
Saturday 26th April	10am and 12 noon Masses First Holy Communion for P4
Monday 5th May	May Day Bank Holiday
Friday 16th May	Celebrating Success Assembly
Thursday 22nd May	School Inservice
Friday 23rd May	Holiday
Monday 26th May	Holiday
Tuesday 10th June	Holyrood Day 1 Visit for P7
Wednesday 11th June	Holyrood Day 2 Visit for P7
Thursday 12th June	Holyrood Day 3 Visit for P7 Holyrood Information evening for parents of P7
Friday 13th June	Celebrating Success Assembly
Thursday 19th June	2pm P7 Graduation and Leavers Mass
Friday 20th June	Nursery Graduation
Wednesday 25th June	Close 1pm for Summer

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