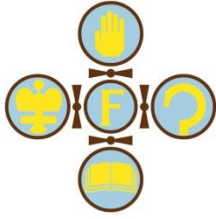
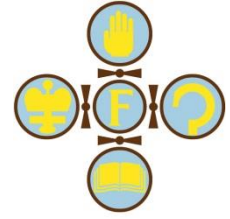


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Weekly Newsletter
Friday 21st February 2025



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Dear Parents/Carers,

Father Peter's Retiral

As I mentioned last week, Fr Peter will retire at the end of this month from his position as Parish Priest in Christ the King. This morning, he joined us in the school to celebrate a beautiful and prayerful Mass.



As you know, the initial plan to walk to Christ the King was changed due to the dismal weather. We invited the Parents/Carers who had generously volunteered to walk with us to church. They all shared how much they enjoyed being able to participate in a school Mass. Moving forward, we will now invite Parents/Carers of pupils taking on roles within our school-based Masses so more can enjoy this experience.

Many thanks to those who have kindly contributed to the gate collection at arrival/dismissal times at the front gates. Some Parents/Carers have asked that we continue the collection for Fr. Peter next week which we are happy to do. 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.

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Managing illness across the school

A reminder that NHS guidance stipulates that absences due to vomiting/diarrhoea require 48 hours isolation from school from the last occasion of illness. This is to ensure that contagion is kept to a minimum. Thank you for your understanding.

Interval snacks

We are increasingly concerned about the content of snacks pupils are bringing to school. Over the past few days, we have seen pupils with boxes of candy floss, family sized bags of crisps, tubes of Pringles, packets of biscuits, boxes of Maltesers, tubes of Jelly Tots etc. Can I ask that you please check the snacks your child packs for school and encourage healthy options.

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](#) were distributed today and can be used straight away.

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.**

PTA News

Our PTA have very generously agreed to support our aim of updating the current Reading Scheme. I'm sure you will appreciate that 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

More information on the following page.



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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](#)



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.

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

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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.

Important free School meals update

Please take time to read the letter on the following page if you have a child in P6 and/or P7.

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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/carer 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'.

Have a great 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.

Tuesday 25th February	4.30pm Meeting for Parents/Carers of pupils preparing for First Communion in school hall. (A reminder following email sent on 10.02.25)
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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