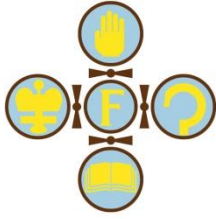


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ST.FILLAN'S P.S.

Newsletter

Friday 11th October 2024

Dear Parents and Carers,

School is closed to pupils today Friday, 11th October for an In-Service Day. This is followed by the October week holiday for all pupils and staff. School will reopen on Monday 21st October at 9.00am. Flu immunisations will take place on that day.

I hope you take time to relax and enjoy the holiday week before we move into Term 2. During next term all pupils should have a sensible jacket and appropriate footwear for the winter season. It is very important, moving into this new term, that **all** pupils have a change of clothing -including underwear - in their school bag. A polo shirt and tracksuit trousers/leggings are ideal for this.

Please ensure all clothing is marked with your child's name.

All pupils attending after school clubs must be collected by a responsible adult as we move towards darker evenings.

Hallowe'en Arrangements

On Thursday 31st October we will have Halloween dress up/dress down day.

Please remember that pupils should not wear scary masks or bring additional accessories such as swords or guns. It is important that pupils wear costumes that they can sit in and manage themselves. It is not essential that your child dresses up on this day; they can dress down too.

Thanks for your understanding.

Author Visit

We are very fortunate to have Joseph Aaron Coelho (OBE FRSL, a British poet and children's book author who was Children's Laureate from 2022 to 2024) visiting St. Fillan's PS in the morning of Thursday, 24th October 2024 for all pupils in P3-7. Please click on this [link](#) for further details including how to order a signed book.



Standards and Quality Report

As well as our weekly Newsletter we also issue a Standards and Quality report highlighting the achievements across the school during the last school session 23-24. A link to the Standards and Quality report can be found [here](#).

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Messages from our PTA

Please follow the PTA on the [PTA on Facebook](#) page to find out about other fundraising endeavours. Our PTA meet monthly on the first Monday of every month in Café Voni on Old Castle Road. **Our next meeting is on Monday 4th November at 7.30pm.** It would be lovely to see some new faces -the more, the merrier! You can also contact our PTA via the Facebook account noted above or via the PTA X (formally known as Twitter) @PTAStFillansPS .

In addition, the school needs to update a variety of our Literacy resources that, over the course of time, have been well-loved and well-used but unfortunately, due to wear and tear, are now in need of replacement. To this end, we are looking for help with support for this through any funding opportunities that can be accessed through charitable grants. These would supplement our own resources to help fund this. If anyone is aware of any such funding grants or can access such through their own companies/employers please email the Parent Council at the following address: parentcouncilstfillans@yahoo.com

Grateful thanks to Blackbaud (the company who own Just Giving) who have very generously donated £2000 towards this venture, and to Mr Chris McCall, Dad of Arya and Max, who submitted an application to his employer, Blackbaud. What a fabulous start to our fundraising plans for new literacy resources.

Thank you to everyone who engaged with Break the Rules Day and Doughnut Day. We'll let you know how much money was raised as soon as possible.

Please save the date: Saturday, 1st February when the PTA have organised a Race Night (7.30pm – midnight) to help towards the cost of new literacy resources.

If you are keen to become involved in either the Parent Council or the PTA and have some ideas for community events then, please also make contact via the above email address.

All Parent Council Meetings are noted at the end of this newsletter.

Reporting your child's absence

The procedure for reporting your child's absence is via the absence line on 0141 471 3710 or 0141 287 0039 or [online](#). Please provide the details requested by the operator.

A pupil's sickness absence must be reported prior to 09.30 am on the day of the absence.

Communicating with us

We use [a Microsoft Office forms system](#) to facilitate communication with the Leadership Team. This system is effective in that all of the team can access the forms at any time, including out of the normal school hours, allowing us to address any issues that require a prompt response. If there is a matter that you wish to discuss please use the link above.

Please appreciate that we will do our best to respond to you as soon as possible. Some messages will require a quicker response than others.

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Makaton sign of the week – Mummy

As part of our School Improvement Plan, we are working toward being a LCFE (Language & Communication Friendly Environment). A fabulous group of P7s are helping to promote the use of Makaton in school, ably assisted by Ms. Fullerton. Please take time to watch click these videos for the 'sign of the week'.



Maths and Muffins

We are delighted that 21 P1-3 Parents Carers have signed up to engage in the Maths & Muffins Parents' Workshop beginning on Monday 28th October 2024 for 6 weeks. Everyone who has signed up has a confirmed place. Mrs. Crompton will be in touch after the break about final details. Some examples of positive feedback received from similar Parents'/Carers' workshops:

'I now understand certain things my child shows me with their homework that I didn't get before'.

'That's not the way I was taught it, so it's good to learn the way they do it in the classroom these days.'

'I feel I can help my children more as I understand it better'.

'It's good to meet with other parents every week so we can chat and learn together'.

'Hopefully this will continue as I'm enjoying it and learning new things, I didn't know before'.

Sacraments

The dates for Sacraments are now confirmed:

P3 Reconciliation	7pm in the Parish of Christ the King
P4 First Communion	10am and 12 midday Masses in the Parish of Christ the King
P7 Confirmation	7pm in the Parish of Christ the King

Fundraising



The 'CASHPOT FOR SCHOOLS' initiative is still continuing to grow. It is currently sitting at £547.61. We are extremely grateful to all the families who have spread the word and to all those who have chosen our school to benefit from this.

We automatically receive £1 per registration on the 'Asda Rewards' App. All you need to do select our school by typing in the

Postcode G44 5AF.

Thank you to all who have encouraged friends, family, neighbours etc to register.

In addition, if you shop in Asda, 0.5% from your total spend will also come our way – and this will not affect your personal 'cashpot'. Thank you!

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Open Afternoon

It seems like yesterday when we welcomed our new P1 pupils to St. Fillan's. Already, we have started the planning to welcome the next cohort of P1s who will start school on Thursday, 14th August 2025. Please save the date if this applies to your child. In addition, if you know of any families with a child/child due to start P1 next August, please share this information with them. Thank you.

WELCOME TO ST. FILLAN'S P.S.

OPEN AFTERNOON

ST. FILLAN'S

For all families of children starting P1 in August 2025.

Thursday 24th October
3.30- 4.30pm

Take a tour of our school
Meet staff
Meet next year's P1 buddies
Meet other families
Children and families welcome.

**"LOVE FOR LIFE,
LOVE FOR LEARNING"**

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Important information

[Significant works](#) by Scottish Water are continuing in our local area.

Roadworks will be in place in various phases as the project progresses, which will include the use of temporary traffic lights, road closures and some access and parking restrictions.

Over the next few weeks, the following roads will be affected:

Crompton Avenue/Old Castle Road: Temporary traffic lights and on street parking restrictions at junction with Carmunnock Rd to junction at Elmore Ave for two weeks. I have received notification that work in the area is currently slightly behind schedule due to the site team running into some unforeseen difficulties in previous sections of work. This means that the projected start date of the 3rd of October has been pushed back slightly. I have been advised that they will get in touch with further specifics once they have more information

This will then impact the rolling programme from the junction at Elmore Ave to junction Old Castle Road/ Snuffmill Road for three weeks which was scheduled to start on Wednesday 23 October. This start date is also delayed.

Elmore Avenue: The other various phases of temporary traffic lights and on street restrictions which were anticipated to be in place from Wednesday 16 October, Wednesday 13 November and Wednesday 15 January (2025) will also **NOT** commence on the projected start date.

I would appeal in the interim that if Parents and Carers drive to school, please consider parking away from Crompton Avenue to help reduce existing congestion issues and comply with the safer streets campaign.

Thank you

A message from our Active Schools Coordinator about United Karate

Through PEPASS Active Schools, in partnership with United Karate, we are delighted to be able to offer a 4-week trial at United Karate's current sessions.

Venue: Various – See form for info
Days and Dates: Week beginning 21st October for 4 weeks
Times: Classes listed on Microsoft form.
Cost: Free



Pupils must bring inhalers on any other medication they need.

In order to book a place then please scan the QR code at the bottom of this letter. If the QR code does not scan then you can access the page by going to - <https://forms.office.com/e/53Ugzs5RkC>

Any issues with the online form, please email: gw24adamsduncanad1@glow.ea.glasgow.sch.uk

Please note there will be pictures / videos taken for social media purposes if you DO NOT want your child shown in these then please let me know.

Should you require and further information please feel free to get in touch with me or David Campbell at Unitedkaratescotland@gmail.com

Yours faithfully,

Duncan Adams
Active Schools Coordinator (07887444242)

Dates for your diary



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Please appreciate that dates and times may be subject to change. Additional dates will be added in subsequent newsletters.

Monday 14th-Friday 18th Oct	October Week Holiday
Monday 21st October	Flu immunisations
Thursday 24th October	10.45am Author Visit (Joseph Coelho) for P3-7 Open evening (3.30-4.30pm) for new P1s for session 2025-25
Friday 25th October	9am Rosary on the Pitch (weather permitting) All invited Fun Run in Kings Park for all P6 & P7 pupils 9.50am-12.30pm
Friday 1st November	Halloween family fun event (see poster on newsletter for details)
Monday 4th November	PTA Meeting, 7.30pm at Café Voni, Old Castle Road
Friday 8th November	Celebrating Success Assembly
Wednesday 13th November	Parents' Evening #1 Booking opens on 30.10.24 at 7pm
Thursday 14th November	Parents' Evening #2 Booking opens on 30.10.24 at 7pm
Monday 18th-Friday 22nd Nov	P7 Residential to Ardentenny
Saturday 23rd November	10am Annual Catholic Football League Mass in St Andrew's Cathedral for all A team/Development Team participants
Saturday 23rd November	Christmas Fayre 10-1pm
Monday 25th November	Catholic Education Week
Tuesday 26th November	6.30pm Parent Council
Thursday 28th November	Panto at Eastwood Theatre P1-3, 10am
Friday 29th November	Panto at Eastwood Theatre P4-7, 10am
Monday 2nd December	8.50am Advent Prayers in gym hall all invited
Monday 2nd December	No PTA Meeting due to Christmas Parties
Monday 2nd December	Christmas Parties P 1-2 6.15-7.15pm in school hall * Christmas Parties P6-7; 7.30-8.30pm in school hall *
Tuesday 3rd December	Christmas Parties P3-5 Evening time 6.30-7.30pm <i>*No ticket cost for the above. Children are asked, if possible, to bring along a donation for the local food bank.</i>
Wednesday 4th December pm	P4a and P4b Christmas Performance for Parents/Carers
Thursday 5th December	8.50am Advent Prayers in gym hall all invited
<i>Every Friday in December Christmas jumper day (with school uniform) if pupils wish to opt in.</i>	
Friday 6th December	Christmas Jumper Day

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Friday 6th December 8.30am	Community Mass in gym hall with Fr Peter all invited
Friday 6th December	Celebrating Success Assembly
Friday 6th December	Afternoon P5 Christmas Performance for Parents/Carers
Monday 9th December	1.30pm Nativity Dress rehearsal for the whole school
Tuesday 10th December	Morning P1 Nativity for Parents/Carers
Wednesday 11th December	Afternoon P1 Nativity for Parents/Carers
Thursday 12th December	Afternoon P6 and P7 Christmas Performance for Parents/Carers
Friday 13th December	Afternoon P6 and P7 Christmas Performance for Parents/Carers
Friday 13th December	8.30am Community Advent Mass in gym with Fr Peter. All invited
Friday 13th December	Christmas Jumper Day
Monday 16th December	8.50am Advent Prayers in gym hall. All invited.
Tuesday 17th December	Afternoon P2 Christmas Performance
Wednesday 18th December	Afternoon P3 and P3/2 Christmas Performance for Parents/Carers
Thursday 19th December	8.50am Advent Prayers in gym hall. All invited
Friday 20th December	9.30am Advent Service in school for children and staff
Friday 20th December	Christmas Jumper Day
Friday 20th December	2.30pm Close for Christmas
Monday 6th January	Return to school
Friday 31st January	Celebrating Success Assembly
Thursday 6th February	P7 Confirmation; 7pm in Christ the King Church.
Monday 17th February	February Holiday
Tuesday 18th February	February Holiday
Wednesday 19th February	February Inservice Day
Friday 28th February	Celebrating Success Assembly
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

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